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Church is in need of £1m repair

AN historic church in Old Hill is in need of £1 million repairs to the building, including a new roof.

Parishioners at Holy Trinity Church in Halesowen Road, are now on a huge fundraising trail.

The church is already undergoing a revamp which has so far seen new central heating and a new £25,000 stained glass window installed.

Now Rachel Ford, spokeswoman for the church, said another £1m was needed, with a new roof a top priority.

The church hopes to hold fundraising drives and to look for grants that may be available.

Ms Ford added: "We have financed the windows which was £25,000 and the central heating was around £20,000 and we have done that through fundraising."

The Grade II listed church is celebrating after its Open Door project was awarded £4,000 from the Church and Community Fund. T

The scheme means the doors of the church are open to callers every weekday morning from 8.30am and people can call in for a drink, a chat or to pray.

Campaign to put smiles on faces

HOME-BASED support provider Carewatch is launching a campaign to find out what makes people happy in order to put in place the care and help necessary to make it happen.

To help with this research, Carewatch is inviting children to enter a picture competition and win £500 in stationery vouchers for their school or club as well as a £50 voucher prize for themselves.

The company has launched the competition in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Shropshire with a closing date of July 20. The competition is open to children aged 4-11 and is free to enter.

Details and competition entry forms can be downloaded from www.carewatch-sws.co.uk or send a stamped, addressed envelope to Carewatch, Cornerstone House, Stafford Park 13, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 3AZ.

Sharing thrift tips

DUDLEY Council has launched a new website to help organisations get value for money. The site aims to share experiences from private and voluntary sectors. Visit the website <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/value-for-money>

Home security help

OLDER people in Dudley can get advice on safety and security in their home from The Living well, feeling safe scheme service. A free home assessment or further advice is available by calling 01384 817743

Business partners put revamped Regis on the market with a £900,000 price tag

A CELEBRATED music venue in Old Hill is up for sale with a £900,000 price tag.

The Regis, famed for its live music nights during the Swinging Sixties, has been put on the market by owners Tony Billingham and Carole Jenkins.

The business partners saved the building in 2008, buying it at auction from Sandwell Council for £500,000.

It was given a £250,000 refit and has since hosted dinners, business meetings, conferences, wedding receptions and live music events.

Design architect Terry Glazebrook, who has carried out luxury holiday home projects for the stars, including comedian Jasper Carrott and golfer Ian Woosnam, created a 1930 Art Deco theme throughout the building.

At the time of the official opening former chief executive of the Black Country Chamber Ian Brough said the Regis represented "the true entrepreneurial



The Regis in Cradley Heath which is now on the market for £900,000. The popular venue underwent a £250,000 Art Deco-style facelift with homes designer to the stars Terry Glazebrook

ities which have been created have long been much needed in the area."

Known for its glory years as the former Regis Hall it saw 60s band The Drifters and Edwin Starr take the stage. It was also a popular rock'n'roll dance hall before becoming key in keeping the Northern Soul scene buzzing in the West Midlands.

Under its new owners The Regis played host to Cockney musicians Chas 'n' Dave and international jazz trumpeter Digby Fairweather as well as local bands and performers.

Mr Billingham would not comment on the sale. The Regis is being sold by the Birmingham office of Christie + Co.

Spokesman Paul Reilly said that the sale was a great opportunity for someone looking to take on an entertainment venue. Sandwell Council used to use the building as a day centre before controversially pulling the service out of the building in January.

Sainsbury's store to get big facelift

SAINSBURY'S supermarket in Rowley Regis is to undergo a radical revamp that will include a new restaurant.

The store has permission to install a new restaurant on a newly-created mezzanine floor to replace the existing ground floor scene. The entrance to the Halesowen Street store will also be remodelled and the warehouse will be extended.

Sainsbury's spokeswoman Michelle Dix said the development would not create any new jobs, but customers would feel the benefit.

She said: "We are pleased with the council's decision to grant permission."

DUDLEY BIDS TO BECOME A CITY

CIVIC and business leaders across the Black Country have declared their support for Dudley's bid to become a city.

Dudley, currently officially known as a metropolitan borough, hopes to achieve city status in honour of the Queen's Jubilee next year.

The announcement last week saw Dudley's bid installed in the bookies' tables with odds of success standing at 20/1. Reading is currently the favourite, with odds of 8/1 – but Dudley Council bosses said they were "confident" their bid stood a good chance.

"Our history and heritage dates back millions of years with a geological make-up which laid the foundations for us being at the heart of the industrial revolution," said newly-elected council leader Councillor Les Jones.

Regeneration

"In addition to Dudley town centre we have Stourbridge, with its fantastic glass making heritage, the recently regenerated Halesowen and of course, Brierley Hill which is the focus of long-term regeneration plans and home to a superb retail offer in the form of Merry Hill."

"There is a great sense of pride with people who live in Dudley and I believe they deserve us to at least try and promote the area whenever we can."

Newly elected mayor of neighbouring Wolverhampton Bert Turner, added: "Another city can only be good for the Black Country."

Past president of both Black Country and Dudley Chambers of Commerce Peter Mathews said: "It's great news and we wish Les and the council luck in their bid."



Ivy Seeley celebrates her 102nd birthday with care assistant Ricki Phillips and senior carer Nicola Jones at Roxburgh House Care Centre in Cradley Heath

Tea party delight as Ivy toasts her birthday at 102

A GRANDMOTHER of four from the Black Country toasted her 102nd birthday with a traditional tea party attended by family and friends.

Former Cradley Heath warehouse worker Ivy Seeley celebrated the milestone birthday at Roxburgh House in Reddall Hill Road.

Vera Lynn provided the background music as residents tucked into birthday cake and a buffet specially made by the home's head chef Son Barry Willetts, of Maidstone Drive, was one of the guests at the party last Thursday. He

said: "I do not know what my mother's secret is."

"She used to have a tippie of an evening for a nightcap but she can't have had a drink for the last 10 years."

Packing

Grandmother-of-four Mrs Seeley worked in the packing department of the Eliza Tinsley factory before she left to marry Jack Willetts.

Ivy raised daughter Jean and son Barry with husband Jack, who died in 1961. Mrs Seeley then married her second husband, another Jack, who died aged 86.

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Forces
to share
specialist
officers

WEST Midlands Police could share some specialist teams with the neighbouring Staffordshire Police to save money, a top officer has revealed.

But Staffordshire Chief Constable Mike Cunningham insisted that increased collaboration is not the first step to a merger of the forces.

He said dog handling and firearms units could be shared, though the two forces would keep their separate identities.

The forces are to share some back office functions as they both cope with big cuts in funding.

Resources

The Staffordshire force aims to save £22 million in two years through restructuring and has made £11m of savings already. Mr Cunningham said the pace of collaboration arrangements was "accelerating."

"If we can get IT convergence then many other collaborations fall into place far more easily," he added.

"We are looking at closer work in areas like dog handlers and firearms and the scope to share specialised operations in the same way we already do with motorway resources and air support."

Drunken dad yanked at lead of badly injured bull terrier

A FATHER took a badly injured dog into a Black Country chip shop and drunkenly kept tugging at its lead as it stood shaking in pain, a court heard.

The two-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier had been bitten in an organised fight and needed urgent treatment, Dudley magistrates were told. Blood was dripping down its collar and face from bite wounds.

Martin Glear, aged 25, spat at and threatened two police officers after they were called to the Highview chip shop in Kates Hill.



Martin Glear - spat

The court heard that Glear "yanked" the dog's collar a number of times and was told to stop by other customers.

Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, said: "The dog was

obviously in a lot of pain and had substantial injuries."

As it was not chipped, the dog's original owners could not be traced.

Glear, of Hall Church Road, Dudley, had drunk eight cans of "super-strength" lager and was "totally incoherent" when he was arrested at about 7pm, Mr Truelove added.

The unemployed father-of-one claimed that he had been given the dog by a stranger 20 minutes earlier.

Miss Sabhia Pathan, defending, said Glear had seen two men with injured dogs in Hall Street and wanted to give the animal as

a present to his two-year-old daughter.

"He admits in hindsight that they were trying to get rid of them as they had likely been in an organised fight," she said.

Glear last week pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal and being drunk and disorderly and two counts of assaulting a police officer.

He was banned from keeping dogs for two years, given a 12-month community order and told to complete 50 hours of unpaid work.

He must also pay £160 costs.

Mats help group roll out more classes

SAINSBURY'S in Amblecote has presented Dudley-based Time Step Dance Studio with a grant of £250 which has been used to buy eight crash mats to be used in its dance, drama and cheerleading classes.

The mats will also enable the group to roll out additional martial arts and gym classes to all its 125 members. The group, which meets at Time Step Dance Studio, is a non-profit organisation. For classes information call Vicki Parkinson on 07936 718478.

Soldiers to be honoured

SOLDIERS from across the Black Country will be celebrated at an annual bash for members of the armed forces.

Dudley Council is organising the free event at Himley Hall near Dudley on June 26.

There will be a military band concert in the grounds of the historic hall, a display of military vehicles, plus an exhibition of wartime history at the event – which will also include a climbing wall, scramble nets and other activities for all ages.

Veterans will also be presented with HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges by

the Mayor of Dudley during the event.

Mayor of Dudley, councillor Michael Evans, said: "This is an opportunity to celebrate everyone connected to the armed forces and the hugely valuable work they do."

Concert

"That could be people who used to serve, as well as those from more recent conflicts around the world," added Councillor Evans.

The event will kick off with a military band concert from 2.30pm and will conclude with afternoon tea.

Memories flood back as school marks 150 years



Joyce Bullock and head Sarah Bott



Former teacher Pat Roberts with ex-pupil Caroline Hiron during the day



Clown Kevin Rowe and Adam Greenfield, 11

PUPILS past and present came together to mark the 150th anniversary of a Black Country primary school.

Hundreds flocked to the activities at a community day held at St Martin's Primary Church of England Primary School in Tipton.

Founded in 1861, it has served thousands of pupils over the generations, even surviving a major blaze more than 25 years ago.

Some of the guests were former teachers and pupils who were reunited after many years.

Joyce Bullock, aged 64, attended as a pupil in the 1950s when she was known as Joyce Nind and later taught at the school from 1969 to 1975.

She has many happy memories of the Lower Church Lane school and displayed her personal collection of class photographs. "I am thrilled and excited to be here because it's always been a dream of mine to be able to meet up with children I

once taught," said Mrs Bullock, of Bancroft close, Coseley. "Sometimes I bump into them in supermarkets, but this is Different

Another former teacher attending was Pat Roberts, 68, of Wombrook Dale, Wombourne, who taught there from 1973 to 1997. "I really enjoyed meeting some of my former pupils again." Former pupil Leslie Partridge, now 83, grew up in nearby

Keeling Street, Tipton, and started at St Martin's in 1931.

Mr Partridge, now of Acacia Drive, Coseley, said: "The building is totally different from in my day. But I loved playing football and all the sports and we used to keep an allotment at the back. I remember planting the vegetables."

The recent fun day, which featured mini rides, donkeys, Punch and Judy, stalls and presentations by current pupils, was sponsored by South Tipton Extended Partnership and the council's local area team.

Head Sarah Bott said: "It's been great, fabulous weather and everyone has turned up. It shows what a fantastic community Tipton is."

St Martin's suffered a major blaze in 1985 when arsonists set fire to it, causing the roof to collapse.

Other events to mark the milestone have included pupils working with an artist to create window-style pictures to depict the story of St Martin, a Victorian week and a reunion of former staff.

Sports lessons are going with a swing



Getting a lesson in the new sport are, front, Deanna Rowley, aged 11, Chloe Jones, 10, and Jack Stone, 10, with Mark Butler, director of instruction at Sedgley Golf Club, and other pupils

PUPILS at a Dudley school have been getting into the swing of a new sport.

The children at St Mark's School in Pensnett have been learning about golfing with the help of a golf coach based at Sedgley Golf Club.

Over 10 weeks Mark Butler will teach a group of 10 youngsters from years four, five and six at the school how to play.

The project has been launched after the High Street school decided to purchase 10 sets of golf clubs and bags for the youngsters to learn how to get grips with the sport.

Conduct

Nursery teacher Debbie Hillman said all the youngsters involved in the scheme had been enjoying themselves: "Golf is something which is not really touched on in primary schools very much."

"All the children who have been taking part have really enjoyed it, it is something a bit different for them. They have also been learning about the etiquette on the golf course, such as the rules of dress codes and the kind of conduct expected on the course."

Fresh push for Investors

Sessions for fitness

A BLACK Country leisure centre has launched a series of new fitness classes. Bodybalance combines moves from yoga, tai chi and pilates into one workout.

Classes at the Halesowen Leisure Centre, Great Cornbow, will be held on a Monday from 10.45am, Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30pm and Friday from 10.45am.

There will also be a session on Saturdays at 11am.

On Thursday there will be a new class called latumba. To book call 01384 812800.

Deaf charity imposter flees after challenge by traders

BOGUS charity callers pretending to be collecting for the deaf have struck for the second time at Blackheath market.

A man believed to be Asian walked up to passers-by and business owners pointing at a green clipboard and intimating he was deaf – but fled when challenged.

Traders believe he got away with donations from trusting shoppers but ran away from the market after traders asked him for identification.

It is the second time cheats have hit the market trying the same fraud after a man and woman, thought to be Eastern European, were caught trying to scrounge from shoppers last November. Sandwell Councillor Mary Docker, who runs the Moonbeam Tex-

tiles stall at the market, said: "An Asian man, who was smartly dressed in a suit and carrying a distinctive green clipboard, pretended to be deaf and pointed at a sheet of paper which had several signatures and monies donated for a deaf charity."

"I challenged him and asked him what he was doing."

Police

"He looked gobsmacked and I repeated my question – at which point he muttered something and turned to leave the market."

"I called to another trader for assistance to stop him and to get his clipboard off him but he legged it. Unfortunately, we couldn't catch and detain him and he disappeared rapidly."

Sue Fullwood, who has run the stall Scribbles of Blackheath for the past four years, said: "We've had scams like this before."

"These people make it harder for anyone raising for genuine charities."

Councillor Docker said the man was captured on CCTV, which has been handed to police. The man was described as 5ft 8in tall, of stocky build, with a shaven head.

Councillor Docker said that extra pressure had been put on traders to tackle fraudsters themselves since £40,000 funding was cut from Sandwell Traders Association, forcing it to disband. The association had aimed to reduce crime through their retail crime initiative, which linked businesses via radio to make reporting crimes easier.

Spot-check on smoking

ALMOST 1,500 inspections to check that businesses in Dudley have not been flouting no-smoking laws have been carried out over the last year.

New figures show that the council's health and safety service carried out 1,414 smoke free inspections between April 2010 and April 2011 with 97.9 per cent of premises found to be adhering to the smoking ban.

In total, 18 written warnings were issued in relation to smoking complaints, and three fixed-penalty notices

were also served. The figures were contained within Dudley Council's health and safety plan for 2011 and 2012 which also states the key achievements of the health and safety enforcement service over the course of the last year.

The service operates a programme of inspections of premises, investigates reportable injuries, workplace diseases and dangerous incidents.

It shows that across the service, 468 health and safety inspections were carried out while 235 accident reports were received.

Chip shop bosses hit at scheme for empty pub

Hospice walkers glow in dark

MARY STEVENS HOSPICE
START



Fundraisers ready for the Mary Stevens Hospice midnight walk including front, from left, Anne Cook, Sue Clewes, Julia Stevenson and Julie Pearson

WALKERS strolled through the darkness to bring in cash for a Stourbridge charity. Glow sticks and illuminated bunny ears led fundraisers on their way for the Mary Stevens Hospice midnight walk.

Women poured onto the streets for the event which started from Dudley Kingswinford rugby club, in Swindon Road, Wall Heath, near Kingswinford.

Fundraisers could take on a six-and-a-half or nine mile course.

Joining dozens taking part were friends Anne Cook, aged 47, Sue Clewes, 36, Julia Stevenson, 40, and Julie Pearson, 27. Anne took part in the event last year and persuaded her pals to take part this time round.

Fresh push for Investors

EMPLOYERS across in the Midlands are being urged to find out how they can improve the skills of their staff through the Investors in People network.

A new network of regional delivery centres is being set up.

Stephen Smith, of enterprise and economic development company Emb-Excellence Ltd, which will deliver business improvement services including The Investors in People Standard across Staffordshire, said the scheme can improve company bottom line performance.



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Warning on digi TV aerial scams

DUDLEY families are being warned to be on their guard against rogue traders that might try to cash in on the switchover to digital TV.

Most of Dudley will be switching from analogue TV in September.

This is when the Sutton Coldfield and Bromsgrove transmitters go digital.

But the council wants Dudley's 124,000 householders to beware of scams carried out against viewers in other areas.

Residents from Freeview, cable or satellite TV need take no action. But anyone still using the analogue signal will need to use a digital set top box from September to enable their TV to receive a signal.

Victim

Anyone advised to purchase a digital aerial should beware as there is no such thing as council chiefs—and most existing aerials are adequate to receive the digital signal.

Less than 10 per cent of viewers will need to upgrade to a better quality aerial.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We want to ensure that all borough residents are safe from bogus callers and unscrupulous dealers who want to cash in on the digital switchover."

If anyone is concerned that they have been the victim of a trader's scam call 08454 04 0506.

Scrap boss fined £500 on records

A TIPTON scrap dealer has been handed a £500 fine.

Anthony Marvin, owner of Beakes Metals in Great Bridge, pleaded guilty to one charge of failing to keep a proper record book between April 6 and May 3 this year, when he appeared at Warley Magistrates Court last week.

The court heard Marvin, aged 59, of Vicarage Road, Oldbury, was responsible for the records.

Miss Maxine Jarrousse, prosecuting, said: "Records failed to record the registration number and names of people handling in metal."

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said nothing untoward was found in his client's stock. Marvin was ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 surcharge.



An image of the £18 million glass covered water park with two slides at West Midland Safari Park

THIS is a glimpse of how an £18 million water park scheme could look under plans proposed at West Midland Safari Park.

Artists' impressions for the ambitious scheme at the attraction, near Bewdley, have been produced by Croydon-based Ray Hole Architects.

The impressive images show a glass covered water park with two slides flowing into a large leisure pool surrounded by tropical trees.

There is also a hotel room, inspired by authentic African lodges, with a lounge opening out onto a view of the park and the Wyre Forest countryside.

The firm says the hotel complex

would have "unrivalled views across the undulating landscape of the safari park" and help park bosses to offer more indoor attractions for year round visitors.

Ray Hole Architects designed the unique Snowdon Summit Centre in north Wales, which opened two years ago.

Outdated

The firm was also one of six bidding for the contract to rebuild Grand Pier at Western Super Mare, following the devastating fire in 2008.

Park publicity officer Wendy Jackson said work on the 150-bed hotel and water park plans was

still at an early stage. Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Stephen Cleo said the project would help boost tourism in the area by making it more attractive to visitors. The park opened in 1973 and covers 200 acres, including the 100-acre drive through safari. It attracts more than 600,000 visitors every year.

New exhibits have been opened in recent months including a replica £300,000 African village. Around £80,000 is being invested in an African-themed coffee bar, children's play area and picnic tent, replacing the outdated Cinema dome.

Addict admits stealing goods

DRUG addict has pleaded guilty to stealing men's fragrances, a TV and toolbox from shops.

Shaun McGarrick, aged 26, of Breton Road, Stourbridge, admitted three counts of theft when he appeared before Dudley Magistrates' Court last week.

The court heard he had been caught on CCTV concealing a box and a bottle of men's fragrances under his jacket at the Boots store in the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Brierley Hill, on May 13. He was held by security until police arrived and was then arrested and interviewed.

Televisions

Magistrates were also told he had been seen going into Sainsbury's in Amblecote, and looking at a display of plasma televisions on May 16.

He then took one, offering no payment, and drove off with it in the back of his car. McGarrick was arrested by police and told them he had sold the TV for £120 to buy drugs.

The court was told he had also taken toolboxes worth £338 from the Clas Ohlson store in the Merry Hill Shopping Centre on May 8.

Mr Lee Preston, defending, said his client was trying to kick his drug habit. The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report on June 4.

Business expands

A FIRE protection firm has opened an extra Black Country base after winning a series of contracts.

Shrewsbury-based Fire Management Ltd has opened a new office in Applewood Grove, Cradley Heath.

It follows work on Smethwick and Rowley Learning Campuses for Interserve, the £10 million West Bromwich police station being built by Britannia Construction and the All Saints development for Bowmer & Kirkland.

Mark Stone, one of the owners of the company, said most of the firm's work was done on site and two people would man the newly-opened Cradley Heath office.

£60,000 benefit cheat spared prison sentence

A FATHER of three from Halesowen who pocketed up to £60,000 in a benefits scam after a gardening accident sent his life downhill has been spared an immediate jail term.

Robert Young, aged 54, from Howley Grange Road, turned to drink when the accident in which he lost fingers on his left hand cost him his job, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

He also claimed income support without disclosing that his wife Nicola was working, said prosecutor Miss Laura Hobson.

Young got away with the con for 10 years, collecting at least £45,332 in overpaid benefits before it was uncovered, although the actual figure was close to £60,000, the court heard. His marriage has now hit the rocks and he is in danger of losing his home while fighting cancer, it was alleged. Young started claiming income support in July 1997 for his wife and himself on the grounds that he was unable to work through ill health and had no other source of earnings.

He failed to notify officials when she got a job with a market research firm six months later and was soon earning too much money for them to continue receiving the same level of state hand-outs, said Miss Hobson.

When the con was discovered after a tip-off, Young told investigators: "I did what I thought was best for my family."

Liability

His wife now wanted a divorce, said Mr James Dunston, defending. He added: "He faces the loss of his home through proceeds of crime proceedings and now has to tell his three daughters what has happened."

Young admitted making false statements and evading liability by deception.

The court was told he was suffering from prostate cancer. Judge Amjad Nawaz gave him a 32-week jail term suspended for 18 months on the condition that he has treatment for alcohol abuse.

Mr Rafe Turner, prosecuting on behalf of the Environment Agency, said a valid rod licence was needed by people aged 12 and over to fish for salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels.

Arty lass a real touch of glass



Coseley glass artist Sarah Jones with a picture by craftsman Jane Ellis

ARTISTS do like to be beside the seaside – as a new exhibition at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum shows.

The coastal-themed display features a wide variety of contemporary craftwork, including glass, ceramics, jewellery and textiles.

Leading craftsmen and women from all over the country have entered work for the exhibition at the museum in Compton Drive, which runs until September 4.

"The exhibits include pieces by leading glassmakers, such as Graham Muir, whose wave forms defy gravity," said Kari Moody, glass interpretation officer for Broadfield House.

Rising star Lauren Taylor's silver-encrusted glass jewellery and vessels "teeming with engraved sealife" by Ruth Dresman also feature in the show.

Seascapes themes on porcelain by Jill Ford, engraved wave brooches by Ruth Ball and coastal prints by Paul Hippiss are also among the items on offer.

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Seventy years on Ivan gets VIP welcome at town's new library



The new-look library in Blackheath

A PENSIONER who joined Blackheath library as a child was the first customer through the doors at its brand new home.

Ivan Hackett was greeted last week by Sandwell mayor Councillor Pauline Hinton at the official opening of Blackheath Library.

The 87-year-old started using the old library before the Second World War, more than 70 years ago.

He joked: "I've been going to the old library since the 1930s but I doubt I'll be using this one for that long."

Councillor Hinton cut a ribbon to open the library.

She said: "It is wonderful to



Sandwell mayor, Councillor Pauline Hinton (right), Ivan Hackett and Councillor Ann Shackleton at the new Blackheath library

open this stunning new library which will give local people 21st century facilities." The library

boasts twice the floor space of its old home and features Quick Serve self-issue systems and wifi.

The project is a joint venture with Black Country Housing Group, which will occupy the first and second floors of the building.

The new building's energy-efficient design features state-of-the-art systems for heating, lighting and hot water to achieve the highest environmental award for buildings.

Cabinet member for youth, culture and families Councillor Ann Shackleton also attended the opening.

The former library building, built with a donation by Scottish American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, has been put on the market by the council.

Any buyer will have to ensure a sympathetic use which respects the building's heritage.

FOUR men accused of damaging windows at businesses in a Black Country town have appeared before magistrates in Dudley.

Michael O'Sullivan, aged 20, of Codsall Road, Old Hill, Warley, is accused of six counts of criminal damage. Scott Appleby, 20, of Western Road, Cradley Heath, and Craig French, 21, of Codsall Road, Cradley Heath, each face four charges of criminal damage.

Christopher Bennett, 21, of Hall Street, Old Hill, is accused of two counts.

All of the charges relate to incidents in Bilston Street, Sedgley, on April 17 this year. Last week's hearing was adjourned until June 13. All four men were given bail to reflect their next appearance before the court.

Adviser to help cut time on ward

AN adviser tasked with helping to reduce the amount of time patients spent on wards at Dudley's three hospitals is being recruited.

The part-time worker will help lead the Transformation project aimed at reducing waste and improving patient care as well as saving money.

The salary for the Transformation Lead Practitioner post is £30,460-£40,157. They will work with nursing staff and other workers at Russells Hall and The Guest hospitals in Dudley and the Corbett in Stourbridge.

They will look at how they can make wards run more efficiently and reduce the amount of time patients have to stay in hospital.

Surgeons

Chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, Paula Clark said: "Transformation is a trust-wide service improvement programme set up to maximise the best clinical outcome and patient experience while removing any processes that are wasteful or have no value to our patients.

The trust advertised a part time vacancy for a lean practitioner to help deliver the programme.

"The lean practitioner will work with a team of staff from all specialities, including surgeons, anaesthetists, radiographers, nursing staff, to redesign the patient's journey from admission to discharge and to reduce their time spent in hospital.

Arts unite for show

SONGS from the Beatles, Abba and Queen are being combined with drama sketches to create a Summer Enchanted Evening.

At Codsall, near Wolverhampton, Codsall Dramatic Society and Codsall Singers have a show on Wednesday, June 8 at Codsall Village Hall from 8pm. The bar is open from 7.30pm.

Janet Spencer, Singers chairwoman, said: "This is the first time we have combined forces with the dramatic society, but it is set to be a fantastic evening." Tickets at £3.50 are at www.codsall-dramaticsociety.co.uk.

£662,000 is raised from land sales

STAFFING levels at Dudley's dedicated one-stop benefits advice service have been slashed as the first of £200,000 of cuts to the service were unveiled.

Opening hours at The Benefits Shop, which is based in Priory Street, will be reduced from May 31 as a review of the service gets underway.

The shop itself is expected to close in October.

Its services will be merged with other advice centres such as the Citizens Advice Bureau or Dudley Council Plus. The shop previously employed 12 members of staff, 10 of whom were full-time.

Telephone

But they have now been cut down to just seven as the shop will only be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to noon, and on Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm.

Dudley Council spokeswoman Katherine Finney said all seven would be added to the redeployment list once the review had been completed.

Meanwhile, the shop's telephone advice service will also be reduced, manned only between 9.30am and noon from Mondays to Wednesdays, instead of every day, and from 2pm to 4pm on Thursdays.

Face-to-face appointments will be available only on Tuesday afternoons, Thursdays, and Friday mornings.

PLOTS of land owned by a Black Country council has been bought for £662,000 at auction as it battles to save cash by selling assets.

The former Timbertree Nursery, Graingers Lane, Cradley Heath, fetched £160,000, while compounds at Purdy Road, Tipton went for £100,000.

Also included in the auction were a property at 77, Alexandra Road, Tipton, which sold for £96,000, and 47 and 48, Park Lane East, Tipton, which went for £76,000.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's jobs and economy boss, said the sale came

as the council re-evaluated its property portfolio to save cash and frontline services.

He added: "I'm very encouraged by the result of this auction, which has seen all but one lot sold, at good prices. I think we have got a great deal for the residents of Sandwell and it shows there is real faith in the borough's development potential and the local economy."

The auction is part of our disposal programme to bring empty or under-used land and buildings back into use."

Auctioneers also sold land between 50 and 53b, Leabrook Road, Wednesbury, for £70,000 and another patch of land adjacent to School Street and St Lukes Street, Cradley Heath, for £38,000.

Plots of land adjacent to Ebenezer Street, West Bromwich, and 52, Anson Road, West Bromwich, sold for £38,000 and £10,000 respectively. Land at the north and south side of Perry Street, Wednesbury, raised in £25,000 and £18,000 respectively while a plot at Heronville Drive, Haywards Hawthorn was sold for £10,000.

The one lot which failed to sell was land at Dudley Road, Rowley Regis, where the reserve price was not met.

The council is trying to save £75 million by 2015 and is selling off land and buildings across the borough to bring in extra cash.

In total, the portfolio is worth about £4 million.

Developer seeks a fresh challenge

THE developer appointed to erect a £15 million Hilton hotel on a rundown gateway to Wolverhampton city centre is appealing for "opportunities throughout the UK" on its website.

Stourbridge-based Cordwell Property Group is involved in plans to demolish the Fox Hotel, off the busy Penn Road island, and replace it with a 133-bedroom, seven-storey Hilton.

The scheme was due to get under way in February but has stalled and now Cordwell wants new projects.

A statement published on

the Cordwell website reads: "Our current requirements include hotel sites, leisure, retail, car parks, offices and student housing."

The firm is due to start work on a 60-bed Travelodge in Eastleigh, Hampshire, next month.

Hilton Worldwide is interested in building one of its discount Hampton by Hilton chain hotels on the Fox Hotel site. Talks between Hilton, Cordwell and Wolverhampton City Council are continuing.

Planning permission to replace the 33-bedroom Fox Hotel was granted by the council in November.

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Here for the beer – friends toast new business



Sue Rowley and Debbie Williams at the home brew stall

THEY spent years as care workers, but two women are now toasting success after launching a new career cashing in on the boom in brew-your-own beers.

Sue Rowley and Debbie Williams say they have been inundated with interest since opening their new home brew stall, called Bucket and Barrel at Brierley Hill's Concord indoor market.

The friends worked for years in the community around Wyre Forest before coming up with their business venture. They decided to take the plunge after seeing the rapid rise in popularity of traditional

home-brewed beverages during the tough economic times.

They were inspired to set up the market pitch at the High Street venue after Sue's husband Paul and Debbie's partner Dean started brewing their own beer. Mrs Rowley had some experience in the pub trade as licensee of the former Blue Pig pub in Netherton.

Inspired

The friends, both aged 47, and from Bewdley, said they had been nervous to start up on their own.

"It is a bit unusual and we were a bit nervous but with Sue having kept a pub in

the past, that has helped us," said Miss Williams, a grandmother-of-one. "Our husbands had started making their own beer so we were inspired to have a go with the stall because there is so much interest these days in home brewing."

Mother-of-one Mrs Rowley said: "We wanted to set up something for ourselves and this seemed like a good idea. It has got off to a good start and we are hoping it will continue."

"A lot of interest is coming from younger people who want to learn the processes behind making their own drinks. I think in the current economic climate people see it is a cheaper option."

Police alert as £600 is taken from pensioner

A PENSIONER claimed she was cheated out of more than £600 after being targeted by bogus workmen at her home in Tividale.

Police have now urged residents in Sandwell to beware of conmen overcharging for garden work.

The 86-year-old woman handed over the cash to workmen who claimed to be from the council. The men demanded payment

after cutting branches from a tree in the garden of her home.

Oldbury and Rowley Regis sector Insp Ian Massey said: "The victim assumed the workmen were genuine and handed over the cash in good faith.

"This type of crime is particularly distressing as the offenders prey on elderly and vulnerable victims.

"We are urging residents not to agree to work being done by workmen who knock on

doors to solicit work and never make payments in advance."

The men are described as white and stocky.

One was between 6ft and 6ft 2ins tall, aged in his 40s and dressed in dark clothing. The other was 5ft 8ins to 6ft tall, aged in his early 20s and wearing a white cap.

They drove a white transit van.

Anyone with information should contact police on 0345 113 5000.

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Titanic theme at show

ADULT learners from across Dudley are getting ready for an annual arts showcase event later this year.

Arts Factor 2011 will take place at Leasowes Community College in Halesowen on July 1 and will have the theme, the Titanic.

Among those taking part is Pulse, a group of people with learning disabilities who meet at Sedgley Community Centre. The group has produced a video of their dance performance that

will be shown at the event. Other performers include belly dancers from Thorns Community College and the Dormont Centre and an African drumming group from Learning for Life at Wordsley School.

Another group of adult learners from the Fens Pool sewing class are making Edwardian costumes which they will be wearing at the event.

For details contact Adult and Community Learning on 01384 818143.

'Priory' show home is nearing completion

On song to help cancer cause

A COLLECTION of songs inspired by the Black Country has been put together to raise money for a Dudley cancer charity.

The CD, called The Black Country and Me, features around 15 performers who donated their time for free.

It will be sold in aid of Dudley Cancer Support, based at The White House in Ednam Road, Dudley.

The charity CD, which has 18 songs, will be launched at an event at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill on Friday (June 3). Performers will take to the stage to play their tunes at the Black Country Acoustic Night.

Information

All of the production costs of the CD have been covered by sponsorship so all the cash from sales can go to the charity.

Cancer Support manager Chris Baron said: "I am totally overwhelmed by the generosity of all the people involved in producing this CD."

"Every penny raised from the sales of the CD and the tickets for the launch night will come to Cancer Support, which will enable us to continue to provide emotional support, practical help and information to cancer patients, their families and friends in the Dudley borough." Tickets for the acoustic night cost £5. For details call 01384 231232.



Dudley Cancer Support volunteer John Landford, manager Chris Baron, and Phil Harton from Triple Echoes with guitar at the ready and the charity CD

THE first show home at a £37 million housing development being built on the site of Dudley's former north Priory estate will open soon. Keepmoat Homes is building 37 of the first 100 properties to go up on the site.

It was revealed last week that the finishing touches were now being put on the showhome.

Work on the £11m first phase of the 314-home project started last year after a £5.5m grant from the Homes and Community Agency.

Another developer, Bromford, is building 63 affordable homes, 56 of them for rent and seven for first-time buyers on lower incomes.

Dudley Council spokeswoman Vicki Marshall said the developers were finalising details and the showhome would be open within days.

"We are hoping to get confirmation of when that date is very soon," she added.

It has been confirmed that street names around the estate - renamed as Friars Gate - will be inspired by the Priory of St James's which was founded in the area in the middle of the 12th century.

Street names include Bradford Way, after the Church of Bradford which was bestowed to the priory, Webley Grove after John Webley who was the Prior of Dudley between 1535 and 1539 and Shrewsbury Place, after the Prior in 1539-40, Thomas Shrewsbury.

Hackett Drive is in honour of the Chapel of Coton Hackett which was given to the priory.

Six properties will be ready for sale in late spring. The first rented properties will be available by summer.

All properties in the first phase of the development will be completed by summer.

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Out-of-hours top-up to rent the library rooms

Tips on the menu for food lovers

FOOD LOVERS were given tips on how to cut down on the amount of items they throw away at an event held in the Black Country.

Part of the national Love Food Hate Waste scheme, it took place at Netherton Park, off Recreation Street, Netherton.

It was organised by Dudley Council and led by nutritional consultant Monica Price.

As part of the three-hour event, residents were taught recipes featuring a number of ingredients to use up food which might otherwise be thrown away.

And they were shown how fruits nearing the end of their freshness could be used in desserts. Among the recipes on the menu was an Italian pastry filled with cheese and tomatoes.

Mrs Price said it had been an excellent event which visitors had enjoyed.

"The aim of events like this is to cut down on the amount of food people throw away," she said.

"For example, bananas which have gone slightly brown can be used in the baking of cakes or buns."



Nutritional consultant Monica Price displays her recipes and gives tips to Abdul Chana, Jenny Worwood, Linda Nash, Leanne Vane and Tracy Wood

NEW charges for community groups renting rooms outside normal opening hours at Dudley libraries have been brought in.

The council says the money will help cover the cost of employing workers to staff the buildings at these times.

As well as the normal rent fees, an additional £9 is now charged when a room is used after the library has closed up to 8pm and £12 for hours after 8pm. Groups who regularly rent the rooms have been informed about the charges and given the chance to move their sessions within normal opening hours.

Assistant director for libraries Kate Millin said: "These charges simply contribute towards covering the costs of staffing the libraries for extended hours when the libraries are closed to the public."

"It should be noted that before the tariffs were agreed, all users were offered the chance to move their bookings to times when the libraries are open, when hire charges are lower."

Standardising

It comes after the fee for renting a room at Dudley Library was increased by more than a third to bring the charge into line with other libraries in the borough. Charges have gone up from £11 per hour to £15.

One group has now found a new venue where it pays less than half what it was spending at the library.

The Dudley and Great Bridge Spiritualist Church has moved to the former Sons of Rest building in the Paradise Centre, Boffey Street.

It now pays £7 an hour, meaning more money can go towards providing refreshments for members.

Council spokeswoman Katherine Finney said: "Prices have varied across venues but we are standardising charges and bringing them in line with each other, depending on their size and facilities available."

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get better with more jobs and investment, higher skills, first class schools and health services. We need more leisure facilities to keep people fit and healthy and give young people something to do.

So let's make education and skills our number one priority to we can attract the new industries and new jobs on which our economy will depend in the future.

I'm delighted work is underway on new college buildings but we're the biggest place in the country with no university campus and that has to change if we're going to have the skills we need to attract high-tech businesses and the well-paid jobs we need for the future.

The plans to transform the town centre need to speed up.

But more importantly, let's have the ambition to make the changes we need to see to strengthen Dudley for the future.

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Musical director June Hartley conducts the Greenfield Singers



The singers with their Music Festival trophy

Choir members who seek greener fields

A CHOIR of "ladies of a certain age" is sending out an SOS to boost its voices – after membership dwindled to just eight singers.

The Greenfield Singers, founded in 1990, at one time swelled to around 23 women.

But over recent years, the number has plummeted as members have moved away, become ill or died.

Despite being a little thin on the ground, the Stourbridge-based group recently won the Marguerite Hodson Cup for the best choir at Dudley Music Festival, beating off groups who were much younger and larger in number.

They are a loyal bunch – most of the eight remaining singers and their musical director and

accompanist have been with the choir for many years and they meet every Monday afternoon at the Baptist Church in Hanbury Hill, Stourbridge.

But they are desperate for more members – and are now appealing for local women, of any age, to join them.

Founder and musical director June Hartley, aged 79, of West Head Road, Cookley, near Kidderminster, said: "All they need is to be able to sing in tune – we'll do the rest."

She added: "We are about to come of age – the choir was founded 21 years ago this autumn."

"During the 1990s we built up to around 23 members and we used to perform concerts around the area."

"But we're now down to two alto voices and six sopranos and would like more of each."

"We still sing for pensioners'

groups, at hospices and so on and, to us, winning the Dudley Music Festival cup was like being on the X Factor."

"We exploded afterwards – we were just over the moon."

Amused

The choir grew from singing lessons that June used to run from her former home in Hagley and among her pupils was Pat

Murray, of Church Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, who is still a member at the age of 85.

"It was my husband, Keith, who gave us the name Greenfield Singers because, in those days, we used to rehearse at New Hall at Greenfield Primary School," said Pat.

In its 1990 heyday the choir performed at venues including Worcester Cathedral, Huntingdon Hall, Worcester, and at Birmingham Town Hall.

The eight remaining choir members were amused to find that their total age is 588 years, an average of 73 and a half. "Singing keeps us young," said member Vera Trinder, aged 76.

Anyone interested in joining the Greenfield Singers should contact June Hartley on 01562 850529.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

City status bid – now let the past inspire our future



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

The council has drawn up loads of plans in the past but local people want to see investment and improvements with more car parking, investment to bring empty buildings back into use and new shops to attract trade.

Third, we should capitalise on our history and heritage to bring more visitors to the town.

'Let's have ambition to make the changes'

We've got the Black Country Museum, the Zoo and Castle, the Wren's Nest and Priory Park in the town, and the canal network and the glass industry further afield.

I think we should be using the castle to put on concerts and plays throughout the summer to attract thousands of visitors to the town, boost trade and create jobs, as well as rebrand the town around tourism, culture and the arts.

So let's applaud the council for submitting the bid and let's get behind the application.

But more importantly, let's have the ambition to make the changes we need to see to strengthen Dudley for the future.

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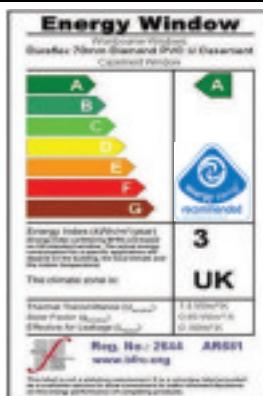
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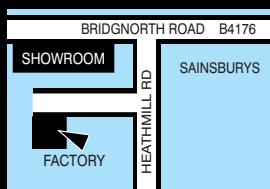
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Mayor's pledge to help business



The new Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans, relaxes at home with wife Glenys

THE new mayor of Dudley has vowed to look to the future while being inspired by the past.

One of Councillor Michael Evans's main aims is to support local businesses – by working alongside the authority's new leader Les Jones.

But during his year in office he will also be thinking of his late niece Jenny, who died of leukaemia aged 20. Her death in 1989 shocked her family but has led Councillor Evans to support leukaemia charities ever since. And now he has the opportunity to help even more.

He hopes events during his mayoral year will raise thousands of pounds for the Georgia Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital – where Jenny was treated.

He said: "The treatment she received at Russells Hall was fantastic but that was at a time where there wasn't the level of technology available that they have now."

"She had to go to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham to have a bone marrow transplant. But the unit is fantastic now and the work they do is brilliant."

Concerns

Councillor Evans, a Conservative who represents Sedgley ward, served as deputy mayor last year.

He was named as this year's mayor in a ceremony at Dudley's Council House, taking over from Councillor Peter Miller.

The father-of-two, of Dumbleberry Avenue, Sedgley, wants to work closely with local businesses to see how they can be helped in the current economic downturn.

He said: "I aim to visit and talk to as many local businesses as possible and sit down with the new leader to see how we can help them and look at their concerns."

"It's going to be a very busy year but I'm very much looking forward to it."

The 71-year-old has served as a councillor for 11 years and has been cabinet member for both housing and children's services.

The other good cause he will support this year is the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, which helps ex-servicemen and women who have been injured in conflict. Councillor Evans and his wife of 46 years, Glenys, have two sons aged 40 and 44, and two grandsons, Taylor, aged four, and Parker, eight.

Struggle to reduce drink link illnesses

HEALTH bosses in Dudley have revealed they are facing an uphill battle to slash the borough's rising toll of booze-related admissions to hospital.

And they are now going out to talk to supermarkets and other retailers in "hot spot" areas of the borough on how they can cut alcohol abuse.

A total of 7,755 people were admitted to hospital in Dudley during 2010-11 because of alcohol misuse.

In total, there were 713 more such admissions than the year before.

Alert

Public awareness campaigns have helped to slow down the increase slightly, so far this year, alongside action to alert health professionals – GPs, pharmacists and hospital staff – to step in when they come across patients who drink too much.

NHS Dudley's board meeting heard last week that Dudley is almost certain to fail to achieve the reduction it is aiming for in the next four to five years.

Director of public health Valerie Little said: "We are on a rising curve for alcohol-related hospital admissions and we aim to put in actions to damp down that rise."

Ms Little added that NHS Dudley staff would be talking to supermarkets and other outlets in areas identified as "hot spots" for drinking.

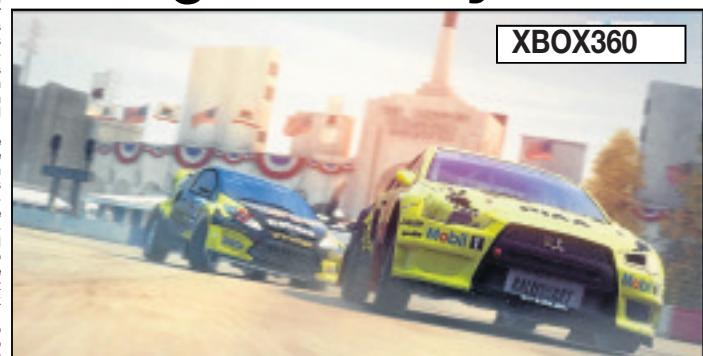
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There is some fighting but, as before, it is mostly about solving puzzles and making stuff out of Lego bricks. You can swap between characters too.

Star Raiders
SPACE combat was once a mainstay of the games industry, going right back to the arcade roots. But apart from the occasional spaceship shooting element within a game which has its focus elsewhere, or ageing Star Wars title, the sub-genre has almost vanished. Star Raiders will not bring it back. This Xbox Live Arcade offering based on an old Atari title is too slow, repetitive and boring, despite nice graphics.

Floating around, getting glancing blows from huge spaceships doesn't cut it any more.

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Mark Hannon, works manager from Midtherm Laser Ltd at Peartree Lane, Dudley, with some of the metal artwork they have made for the project

Metal signs for the cut trail

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Lane in Dudley along the canal through Bumble Hole Nature Reserve on the Sandwell border to the Gorst Tunnel in Old Hill.

Luke, aged 27, has designed all the artworks, which include highly decorative signs and Midtherm Laser Ltd are cutting the shapes from the metal.

The trail, which has been funded by Community Spaces, is set to open on July 31.

A £1.8 MILLION Black Country training programme to help get hundreds of unemployed young people into work has been announced.

The two-year programme called Kick Start Gold will target 1,000 14 to 19-year-olds currently not in education, employment or training.

The Black Country Training Group, at Taylors Lane, Oldbury, has secured £1.8 million from the Skills Funding Agency. Chris Luty, director, said: "The aim is that it gives young people a kick start back into learning which will then lead to a place at college, an apprenticeship or employment."

The council faces £31m of cuts in 2011/12.

Kick start for training

CASH-STRAPPED Sandwell Council is forking out more than £50,000 on new cars despite slashing budgets and hundreds of jobs.

Seven brand new Nissan Note cars have been added to a pool of vehicles for staff, each costing £7,500.

Bosses have defended the move, saying it will save money in the long run as it will avoid having to pay staff mileage costs. But critics said the purchase was unnecessary and an "insult" to staff at a time the authority is axing 520 jobs.

The latest spend on vehicles comes after the authority said it planned to pay £500,000 for a fleet of electric cars and charging points, although these plans are currently on hold.

Mileage

It follows a decision to cut mileage claims for staff from 65p to 45p in a bid to save £1 million a year, a decision which caused uproar among workers, with some threatening to walk out.

Councillor Mahboob Hussain said by increasing its car pool, currently 43 vehicles, it will save money and prevent wear and tear on workers' cars.

Brian Rickers, spokesman for union Unite said: "The council says that buying more pool cars will save money but I don't see how. It isn't just the initial cost, but tax, insurance and fuel. Spending this money is another insult to staff at this difficult time."

The council faces £31m of cuts in 2011/12.

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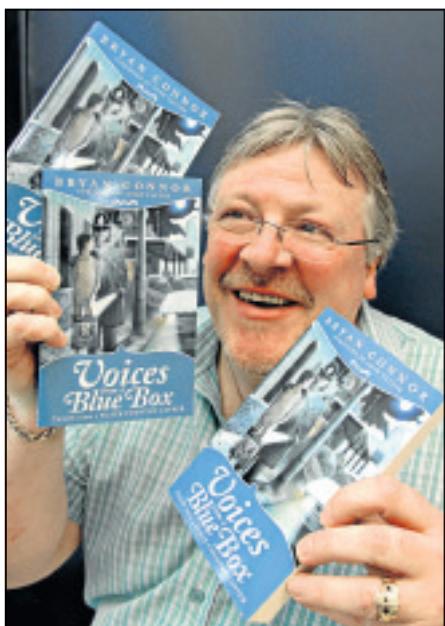
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Bryan Connor in the 1980s

Police cuts - crooks will be rubbing their hands with glee, says retired officer



Former policeman Bryan Connor with copies of his book on sale at Oldbury Library

AN EX-POLICEMAN who walked the beat in the Black Country for 30 years says he fears cutbacks have made policing the area a harder job than ever.

Bryan Connor, aged 54, worked as a constable in Sandwell, at Smethwick, Oldbury, Old Hill and West Bromwich police stations.

The father-of-three read sections from his book of memoirs, entitled Voices from a Blue Box, Tales from a Black Country Copper, at the new Jack Judge Library in Oldbury last month.

The book features a series of short stories about the entertaining, sometimes bizarre and often humorous situations he found himself in. They are taken from notes he made through the years.

Mr Connor, of Sedgley Road East, Dudley, said: "I was inspired to take the notes during the miners' strike of 1984 when PC Steve Pulaski and myself were patrolling a lane near Coventry looking for pickets from Yorkshire."

"Having time to kill I retold my tales to Steve, who found them entertaining and was the first person to encourage me to record them for posterity."

Mr Connor has been making notes ever since. Stories include his traumatic first

post mortem as a junior officer and the problems faced in dealing with major incidents like football matches.

One tale recalls a veteran constable who, while supposedly off work sick, was spotted acting as a snooker referee on television.

Another story tells of a bus driver who regularly used to steal Double Decker chocolate bars.

Voices from a Blue Box is available in bookstores now.

Meanwhile, asked about the current policing situation the increase in knives and guns on the streets and reductions in officer numbers has impacted on the police.

Nonsense

He said: "It is very dangerous out there on the street now."

"I also think the job is not appreciated by the public like it was when I first started."

"There is nothing like a bobby on the beat to get to know an area."

"I used to know the name of every landlord in my area but I'm not sure it would be the same now."

"I became disenchanted with the cutbacks before I left last year."

"It is nonsense to say crime won't be affected by reducing officer numbers, criminals will be rubbing their hands together with glee."

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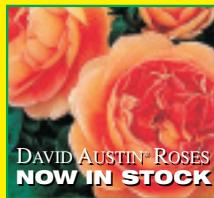
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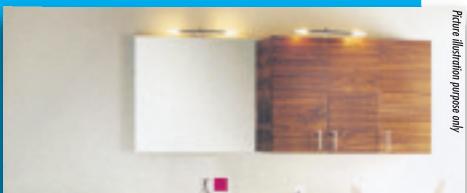
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Craig and Jacque Carmen of Dudley



More than 100 runners set off in the charity event at Leasowes Park, Halesowen

Fun event helping rising stars to shine

FRIENDS and families came together to step out for a charity fun run aimed at helping the next generation of sporting and musical stars.

Around 130 people turned out at the starting line for the Halesowen Foundation fun run around the town's Leasowes Park.

The foundation, which is a registered charity, supports learners in Halesowen who have demonstrated talents and abilities specifically in sport and music.

Organisers of the event said they were keen to promote the foundation's work to encourage more youngsters to contact them for advice and support.

Those taking part could try a 2.5km run or, if they were feeling brave, there was also a five kilometre course

to tackle around the park for the event on Saturday morning.

One of the event organisers Mary Grinham said they had been pleased with the number of people taking part.

"It was a really good morning and nice to see people giving it a go and helping the foundation at the same time," she said.

Competitions

"The event had been organised as a fundraiser for the foundation but also to show people what we do and tells them ways we can help those who have shown a real talent for sports and music."

The foundation has given youngsters funding for a variety of activities including trips aboard for competitions.



Jo Williams, Elaine Cammies, Ann Lanni and Mary Higgins from Halesowen College

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Close up of red lillies beetle

LAWN CARE

New mower may cut work time

Why not invest in a new mower to ensure your lawn gets cut evenly, sharply and without mashing the grass blades?

Newer mowers will

almost always save you

time as hoppers to collect the grass cuttings are getting bigger and mean you will spend less time emptying the contents.

From a horticultural point of view I wouldn't recommend a hover mower that leaves grass cuttings on the lawn.

Raking

It may sound like an easy recycling idea, but after a while the cuttings

create a thick mat layer,

called thatch, which after it

builds to over 2cm thick

does positive harm to the growing grass.

So one way or another you will find you have to physically remove the cuttings – with thatch it

means heavy raking or a mechanical scarifying at least once a year.

My new Worx cordless mower is perfect for my average sized lawns and easily manoeuvrable.

It is powered by an easily-recharged battery that seems to last for several mowings before it needs recharging and there is no power lead to drag around the lawn when in use.

It has a good sized hopper so I only need to empty it once for every cut and I like the easily adjustable cutting height.

The neighbours are also keen as there is a special setting that quietens the motor – it's not quite silent but goes a long way in noise reduction.

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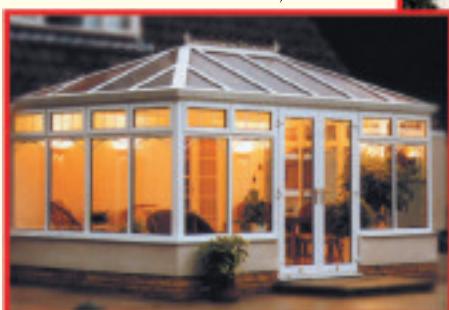
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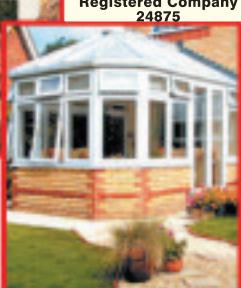
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The cockpit of the latest police helicopter

THE team behind West Midlands Police's £4.5 million helicopter have been lifting the lid on its operations.

The new aircraft, which came into service in August last year, has already attended almost 4,000 call-outs.

And the unit that runs it has now launched its own feed on social network site Twitter in a bid to give followers up to the minute updates on the helicopter's work and see the policing operations it is

involved with. The page already has more than 1,000 followers and has received positive feedback from the general public.

Advanced

The helicopter, which reaches speeds of 160mph uses specialist thermal imaging technology to conduct searches, which are so accurate it can detect devices as small as mobile telephones.

Since its operation it has already helped

in the recovery of £1m worth of property. Assistant Chief Constable Garry Forsyth said it allows the staff of a civilian pilot and two officers to conduct searches of areas in minutes.

Head of operations Sgt Dave Mitchell said: "This is one of the most advanced aircraft in the world. The things it can do are quite incredible. We can find a mobile phone which someone has dropped on the ground from way up in the sky."

One of the helicopter's crew is 38-year-old PC Matt Holder, from Tamworth. He said: "It's just like being in a patrol car. You just have a better view."

Since August the helicopter has attended 3,923 incidents in 1,592 flights.

It has been responsible for 218 direct arrests and has assisted in 161 arrests and located 22 missing people and 62 vehicles.

Recent activity highlighted on the Twitter site included details of a laser pen pointed at the aircraft as it responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at 3am on Wednesday.

The beam was traced to a house in Langley in Sandwell and a 17-year-old was arrested.

To view the Twitter feed log on to www.twitter.com/WMP_Heli_copter



Unit executive officer Dave Mitchell and Air Chief Constable Garry Forsyth, launch the Twitter feed

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A MIDLAND council paid independent consultants £30,000 to look at ways to save money, it has been revealed.

Experts were brought in by Sandwell Council to look at ways it could cut costs at four centres which offer adventure holidays to youngsters.

Sandwell Council runs Ingestre Hall, a Jacobean mansion set in 27 acres of countryside near Stafford, Edgmond Hall in Shropshire, the Frank Chapman Centre in the Wyre Forest and Plas Gwynant in Snowdonia National Park.

Knowledge

It said it was necessary to streamline the service by making cuts and defended the decision to bring in independent consultants, claiming its own staff did not have the specialist knowledge needed.

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for children and families, said: "The council utilises consultants to provide skills which it does not employ in-house and this piece of work required detailed specialist knowledge of youth services, residential centres and council finance."

A decision was made to cut wages of seven workers, increase fees and cut subsidies. The workers' salaries will be cut by a total of £63,500, with charges to state schools to increase from £120 to £132 a week.

THESE dramatic photographs capture the damage caused to a truck by a ferocious blaze in Dudley.

Residents describe hearing a loud bang as the vehicle, thought to be a Toyota Hilux, burst into flames in the early hours of Wednesday, May 25.

The truck had been parked just off the roadway at the junction of Swindon Road and Highwood Close, near Kingswinford. People living nearby called for firefighters to tackle the blaze which started at around 3am near

New line-up for council top jobs

Truck blaze captured



Flames envelop the truck on the roadside at the junction of Swindon Road and Highwood Close, near Kingswinford. Taken by Express & Star reader Mick Basterfield



Charred shell - the burnt-out truck

A RESHUFFLE of Dudley Council's cabinet has been announced by the authority's new leader.

Councillor Les Jones named the new line-up at a meeting last week.

Ex-council leader Anne Millward was ousted by votes in local elections this month.

The new 10-member executive panel will meet monthly over the next year.

Councillor David Vickers, who represents Halesowen South, has taken the portfolio of performance management and quality assurance – previously held by Councillor Adrian Turner.

Councillor Vickers was cabinet member for education until five years ago.

Councillor Turner is now responsible for housing, libraries and adult learning – replacing David Simms who lost his seat in elections. New deputy leader Councillor Tim Wright, is former chairman of the planning committee.

He is now cabinet member for human resources, law and governance – a portfolio created this year.

Approved

Councillor Jones passed on his regeneration portfolio to Councillor Angus Adams, formerly responsible for transportation.

That role is now taken by Councillor Patrick Harley.

The new cabinet line-up was approved at the annual meeting of Dudley Council last night, where the new mayor was appointed, and Councillor Jones officially stepped into his new role as leader.

Councillor Jones, who was born in the Black Country, twice stood as Tory parliamentary candidate for Halesowen and Rowley Regis in 2001 and 2005.

He said: "There have been a few changes made so people will see some difference but I believe this is a cabinet that can serve the people of Dudley in the best way possible."

Councillors David Blood, who looks after environment and culture and Lesley Faulkner who represents adult and community services, all kept the same roles for the coming year.

Councillor Liz Walker, who holds the children's services portfolio also remains in post.

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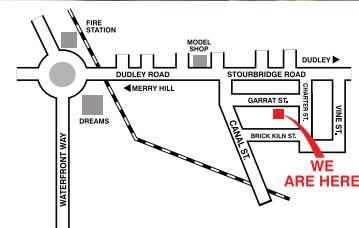
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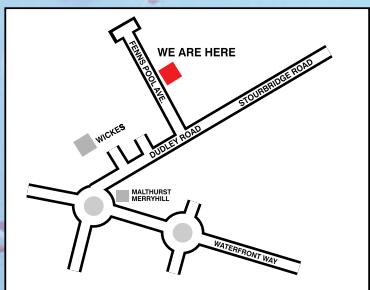
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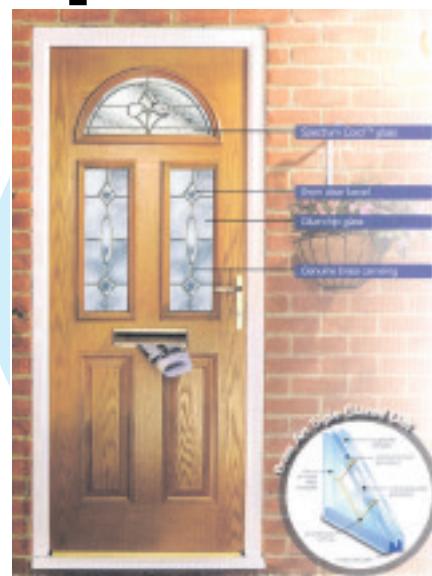
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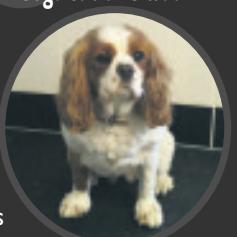
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Scenes from policing the derby when Wolves hosted Albion – police vans at the ready on Railway Drive, police in riot gear near the city's rail station and officers escorting an army of Albion fans to the Metro stop

The high price of policing football

By Sunita Patel

TAXPAYERS in the West Midlands are being billed hundreds of thousands of pounds each season for the policing of Premier League football matches.

Data obtained from West Midlands Police under Freedom of Information laws shows that the force estimated it cost £1.14 million to police the home fixtures of Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion during the 2008/9 season...

However, it was only reimbursed £875,655, made up of £567,132 from Villa and £308,523 from Albion – the region's only two top flight clubs at the time – leaving a shortfall of £266,111.

Clubs only have to pay back the "footprint" policing costs incurred inside their ground and on their property.

The rest – "consequential" costs – such as the policing of railway stations, city centres and pubs near grounds where fans may gather on match day comes from police budgets.

Figures obtained for last season – 2009/10 – show West Midlands Police

WEST MIDLANDS FOOTBALL – WHERE THE MONEY GOES

CLUB	ESTIMATE OF MATCH DAY POLICING COSTS 2008/09	COSTS RECOVERED	SHORTFALL	Match day policing costs recovered by West Midlands Police for the 2009/10 season
Aston Villa	£579,875	£567,132	£12,743	Aston Villa £509,913
Birmingham	£565,828	£360,738	£205,090	Birmingham City £368,217
Wolves	£575,139	£324,111	£251,028	Wolves £348,415
West Brom	£561,894	£308,523	£253,371	West Brom £231,557
Walsall	£122,524	£42,886	£79,658	Walsall £41,002
Coventry City	£441,313	£247,585	£193,728	Coventry City £151,926

recovered £1.23 million for policing the home games of Wolves, Aston Villa and Birmingham City. Albion were not in the Premier League that season. This is an increase of 40 per cent on the previous season because of an extra West Midlands club in the top flight.

If the policing costs outside the football clubs' premises went up by the same ratio, the taxpayer bill would be

an estimated £372,555. West Midlands MP Aidan Burley says it is time Premier League clubs paid the policing bill in full. "Ordinary hard working taxpayers must be asking themselves why they are subsidising Premiership football clubs, who can afford to pay their players millions of pounds a year in salaries," he says. "These so called 'consequential costs' are simply business costs incurred by

the clubs whilst making vast profits. Why should we continue to subsidise this multi-billion pound global industry? Given these tough economic times, it's time the Premiership stood on its own two feet – and covered all the costs of policing their industry," he adds.

It follows January's record-breaking bout of spending by clubs which totalled £225m – during a period of

belt-tightening across the rest of Britain.

West Midlands Police is being forced to make savings of £125m, Staffordshire Police £39m and West Mercia Police £10m as Government funding for the police service is cut by 20 per cent in real terms by 2014-15.

Police charge football clubs £56.39 per hour for the deployment of a police constable, £65.62 per hour for every sergeant and £66.47 for every inspector.

Games are usually policed by a number of police support units (PSUs) comprising 21 police constables, three sergeants and one inspector, making the total cost of a PSU £8,684 for an average six-hour match-day shift. Each fixture is categorised depending on crowd size, the time of day a game is being played and fans' behaviour records.

This ranges from club steward (CS) only which requires no policing to low risk (category A); medium risk (category B); high risk (category C) and finally category C with increased risk – usually derbies and clubs where there is a history of crowd trouble.

A maximum of two PSUs on average

are deployed to low risk matches, three to medium risk games, four to those considered high risk and four or more to those with an increased risk.

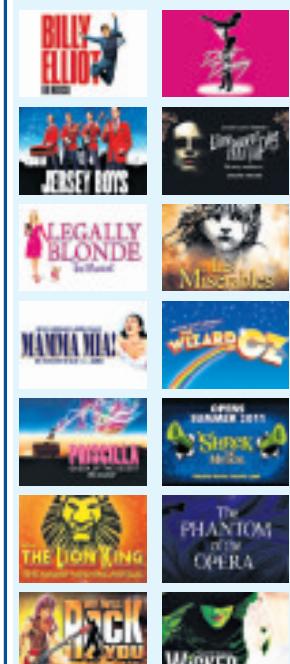
The categories and number of officers/hours are agreed with individual clubs at the start of the season.

West Midlands clubs spent more than £1.6 million on policing at matches last season. Aston Villa spent £509,913; Birmingham City, £368,217; Wolves, £348,415; Albion, £231,557 and Walsall, £41,002.

In 2008/09, the total was £1.8 million, Villa spending £567,132; Birmingham, £360,738; Wolves, £324,111; Albion, £308,523; Walsall, £42,866. The costliest matches in the 2009/10 season were the local derbies between Wolves, Villa and Birmingham and when Molineux and St Andrew's played host to Manchester United, and City played Stoke.

Inspector Howard Lewis-Jones, from West Midlands Police force's football unit, says: "We are keen to make sure that we don't over-police fixtures. We need to get it right to manage the risk and not just throw resources at it because obviously we are taking resources away from other policing."

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Why Leanne loves being the big girl

WEST End star Leanne Jones is worried that she's going to have to wait until she gets a few wrinkles before she lands another major role in a musical.

The 26-year-old, who grew up in Crewe and Cheshire, caused a sensation when she originated the role of Tracy Turnblad in the London run of hit musical Hairspray.

Now she dreams of such character roles as Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly and Madame Thenardier in Les Misérables.

"But I think I am going to have to get a few more lines on my face before that happens, they are all much older roles," she says. "The great thing about Tracy was that she was only 16."

Tracy was Leanne's first major professional role after leaving theatre school in London, working alongside Michael Ball as her mom and Mel Smith as her dad.

Her high-energy performance – the all-singing all-dancing role kept her on stage for more than two hours of every show – won her three top awards from critics and theatre-goers. She appeared in the Shafesbury Theatre hit for 18 months, until July 2009.

The West End star talks to **LEON BURAKOWSKI** about success and her hopes for future parts

Since August 2010 she has toured the length and breadth of the UK ("from Arbroath to Barnstaple," she says) in David Simpson's girls' night out comedy play The Naked Truth, about a group of women who take up pole dancing.

Leanne took over the role of Bev from Lisa Riley. The play ends its UK trek with a week at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday, June 7, to Saturday, June 11.

"I like Bev because she's a big girl who still gets all the guys," says Leanne. "Usually the big girl roles in a play are unhappy or bitter but Bev is completely the opposite."

She has enjoyed her time with the play and touring the UK with six other actresses.

"It could be a recipe for disaster, all these strong-willed women being together, but I have made some really good friends through this play," she explains.

Her current co-stars include Maureen Nolan, Nikki Sanderson from Coronation Street, Sarah White and Julie Buckfield.

She admits that the role of Bev has not been



Leanne Jones plays Bev in the comedy *The Naked Truth* at the Grand Theatre

as physically demanding as Tracy. "Bev prefers to sit around, I think she manages about a minute on the pole. But I still keep fit, I like a hotel with a gym. I am happy to be a big girl but I also like to be healthy."

The cast are having a week off before they go through their pole dancing paces for one last week in Wolverhampton.

"It is going to be a very special week, especially the Saturday night, we are going to be buzzing," promised Leanne. As for what's

next, Leanne hinted that some TV work could be coming up.

She was recently on screen as a competitor in Keith Lemon's Saturday night charity game show *Sing In You Can*, belting out a tune between screams when being spun on a giant wheel, and she will be spending the festive season as a fairy in *Beauty and the Beast* at Stevenage.

For tickets for *The Naked Truth*, contact the Grand box office on 01902 429212.

City gig for Beverley



Beverley Knight

WOLVERHAMPTON soul singer Beverley Knight releases a new album next month and will be on a UK tour later this year, including a home city gig at the Civic Hall on November 22. Tickets go on sale on June 27 for her Wolverhampton date and her seventh studio album, Soul UK, is released on July 4 by Hurricane Records. The new album pays homage to the British soul scene of the 1980s and 90s, featuring Bev's covers of songs made famous by Loose Ends, Soul II Soul, Princess and George Michael, among others.

Rock on Tommy, Roger sings Who opera

ONE of the classic rock albums will be performed in its entirety when Roger Daltrey presents The Who's rock opera *Tommy* at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Sunday, July 3, and the singer has promised a selection of The Who's greatest hits too.

Featuring such songs as Pinball Wizard, I'm Free and See Me Feel Me, The Who – one of the top British bands of the 1960s and 70s – never actually performed the entire *Tommy* album in concert. Though it was made into a film starring Daltrey alongside Tina Turner and Elton John.

Daltrey premiered this show at the Royal Albert and takes it on the road for three weeks

starting at the Civic Hall. The Who's guitarist and *Tommy* composer Pete Townshend will not be taking part in the concerts but his younger brother, Simon Townshend, will be playing guitar in Daltrey's band.

Pete Townshend said: "I will be there in spirit and Roger does have my complete and most loving support. Roger is touring his unique concert version of *Tommy* using his faithful presentation of the original work as the backbone for a set of wider material.

"It is wonderful to hear the way Roger and his new band re-interpret the old Who songs."

Tickets priced £35 are available on 0870 320 7000 or online at www.wolvscivic.co.uk



Roger Daltrey



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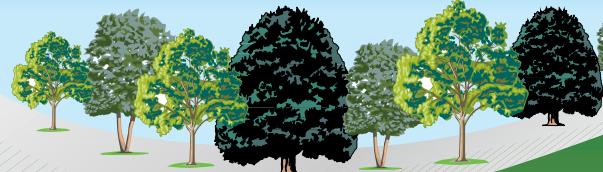


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Here's a show that's naughtie . . . but nice

A GROUP of very different women are brought together to learn pole-dancing to raise money for a cancer charity in Dave Simpson's girls'-night-out comedy *The Naked Truth*, at the Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to Saturday, June 7 to 11.

Laedyshits Black Mamboza are in concert with songs from their latest album *Songs From A Zulu Farm* at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham tonight (Thursday) and forthcoming concerts at the venue also include West End star Michael Ball on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11.

Meanwhile, Judy Collins is in concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Tuesday.

Tom Stoppard's timeshifting drama *Arcadia* is staged at the Crescent Theatre from Saturday for eight days.

Celebrated

More than 50 years of Coronation Street is celebrated with affectionate humour in *Corrie!* which is staged at The Regent Theatre in the Potteries from Monday to Saturday.

Macbeth, *Cardenio*, *The City* Madam and Rupert Goold's thrilling Vegas-style *The Merchant of Venice* are in the Royal Shakespeare Company's repertoire at Stratford-upon-Avon.

Comedy highlights include the winner of ITV's *Take The Mike*, Patrick Monahan at The Public in West Bromwich tomorrow night (Friday), and *The Real Deal Comedy Jam* with American star Joe Torry at the New Alex on Saturday.

Leanne Jones and Sarah White in *The Naked Truth*

Boycie takes starring role in festival debut



John Challis

ACTOR John Challis, best known for his classic comedy role as Boycie in *Only Fools And Horses*, is appearing in the Shakespeare play that marks a highlight of the annual Ludlow Festival.

Challis will be playing one of the Bard's most pompous characters, Malvolio, in an open-air production of *Twelfth Night* amid the ruins of the Shropshire market town's castle this summer.

"Malvolio is a part I love," said the actor. "I've always been fascinated by history and ever since I saw the fantastic castle in Ludlow, I've wanted to do something in that venue."

Highlights

"To be making my Ludlow Festival debut in such a great role means my wish has finally come to fruition."

Twelfth Night will be staged from June 25 to July 9.

Other festival highlights include concerts by the BBC Big Band, Barbara Dickson and a performance by raconteur Gyles Brandreth. The festival will be rounded off in the castle grounds with a *Shakin' Stevens* concert and big fireworks finale.

For more information see the festival website at www.ludlowfestival.co.uk or call 01584 872150.

City welcomes the return of Rattle

SIR Simon Rattle is returning to conduct the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Symphony Hall on June 12, when they perform Gustav Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* as part of the Birmingham Mahler Cycle. Sir Simon made his name at Birmingham over a period of 18 years before leaving the city a decade ago to lead the Berlin Philharmonic.

Other forthcoming classical highlights in the city include: Andris Nelsons conducts when the CBSO present a programme entitled *Ravel in Spain* at the Symphony Hall on Tuesday evening; Julian Lloyd Webber performs Elgar's Cello Concerto at the Town Hall on Wednesday at 2.30pm; Nelsons is the man with the baton again when the CBSO perform Ravel's *Bolero* at the Symphony Hall on June 15 at 7.30pm.

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6.40 Doctor Who. Amy is kidnapped, signalling the approach of the Battle of Demons Run, the conflict in which the Doctor is destined to face his darkest hour. Starring Matt Smith.

7.30 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Sophie Ellis-Bextor is the guest on the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

8.20 Casualty. Medical drama focusing on the taxi driver who assaulted her.

9.10 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the lowest votes perform again.

9.30 John Bishop's Britain. Comedy, with guest Natalie Cassidy. Last in the series. (R)

10.00 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Kevin Bridges, Daniel Stoss, Milton Jones and Craig Campbell. (R)

10.30 BBC News: Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.55 FILM: Firewall. (2006) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.35 Derby Day Highlights. Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC 12.00 Coast. 12.15 Diagnosis Murder. 1.00 Two Greedy Italians. (R) 2.00 Live French Open Tennis. The women's singles final. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.40 Flog It! (R)

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9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With Richard Madeley and Joe Wilkinson. (R)

9.45 QI XL. With Liza Tarbuck. (R)

10.30 FILM: Enigma. (2001) Second World War romantic thriller, with Dougray Scott and Saffron Burrows.

12.20 French Open Tennis. 1.20 Film: A Study in Terror. (1965) John Neville stars. 2.55 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 House Gift. (R) 9.25 Coronation Street. 12.10 This Morning: Saturday. 1.10 ITV News: Weather. 1.20 You've Been Framed! (R) 1.50 Film: Field of Dreams. (1989) Baseball fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta. 3.45 Regional Programmes. 4.00 ITV News: Weather. 4.15 Live International Football. England v Switzerland (Kick-off 4.45pm).

7.00 Britain's Got Talent Final. The national talent search comes to a close as the 10 finalists take to the stage one last time, competing to impress the judges as well as the voting public. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

9.00 Popstar to Operastar: The Curtain Raiser. This year's line-up is revealed.

9.30 Britain's Got Talent Final Results. This year's winner is announced. Last in the series.

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10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 International Football Highlights. England v Switzerland.

11.15 FILM: The Gauntlet. (1977) Action adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 3.20 In Plain Sight. 4.05 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Film Show. (R) 7.00 Film Superbike World Championship. 7.25 Formula Ford Championship. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: X-Men: First Class – T4: Movie Special. 9.50 T4: The Wanted: Stars and Strikes. (R) 10.55 T4: Friends. (R) 11.25 T4: Style the Nation. 12.20 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News. 6.25 4thought.tv. A Catholic woman discusses her views on cosmetic surgery.

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6.30 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. (2003) As Frodo and Sam near the end of their quest, their friends face a final battle with the forces of darkness. Climax of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood.

10.15 FILM: X-Men: The Last Stand. (2006) Superhero sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

12.15 Film: Oldboy. (2003) Revenge thriller. 2.25 Ugly Betty. (R) 3.10 The Dead Zone. (R) 3.55 Island. (R) 4.10 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake. 10.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 10.10 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.40 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.40 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) 12.40 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 14.5 Film: Hangman's Knot. (1952) Western, starring Randolph Scott. 3.20 Film: The Pink Panther. (2006) Comedy remake, 5.05 Film: My Girl 2. (1994) Drama sequel, with Anna Chlumsky.

7.00 Cricket. England v Sri Lanka.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 NCIS.

The bodies of two assassins are delivered to NCIS from overseas – so Tony and Ziva assume their identities and keep a rendezvous at a luxury hotel in a bid to identify their target. (R)

9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.

Sara is used as bait to trap an elusive serial killer who is obviously well-versed in forensic procedure and knows how to plant false evidence at crime scenes. (R)

10.00 CSI: NY.

Mac considers ending his career after a near-fatal experience. Last in the series.

10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.

Catherine unwittingly flirts with a murder suspect. (R)

11.55 Rough Guide To.

Holiday highlights. (R)

12.10 SCXTA.

12.40 SuperCasino. 4.00 Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. (R) 4.10 Great Scientists. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 Just My Luck. (2006) Romantic comedy, starring Lindsay Lohan and Chris Pine. 9.00 PS I Love You (2007) 11.35 Lady Vengeance (2005)

ITV2

3.00 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 5.00 Britain's Got Talent

7.00 Grimefighters 8.00 The Vampire Diaries

10.00 Britain's Got More Talent: The Final 11.00

Film: Hot Fuzz (2007) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. Including FYI Daily.

ITV3

2.30 Film: Evil Under the Sun (1982) 4.50 Inspector Morse 6.55 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 11.05 The Classic Brit Awards 2011

ITV4

3.15 The Sweeney 4.20 Film: The Pride and the Passion (1957) 7.00 The Sweeney 8.00 John McGuinness – Breaking the Barrier 9.00 TT 2011 10.00 Film: The Hitcher (2007) 11.45 Film: Cross of Iron (1977)

BBC THREE

7.00 Great TV Mistakes 7.30 Doctor Who Confidential 8.15 Top Gear Bolivia Special 9.30 Great TV Mistakes 10.00 Film: Kill Bill: Vol 2 (2004) The Bride continues her quest to exact vengeance on those who tried to kill her on her wedding day. Thriller sequel, starring Uma Thurman, David Carradine and Daryl Hannah.

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Secret Life of Elephants 8.00 Latin Music USA 9.00 Wallander 10.25 African Railway 11.25 Top of the Pops: 1976

E4

1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 Friends 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: Wrong Turn (2003) 11.40 The Cleveland Show

FILM4

2.35 A Room with a View (1986) 4.50 Paper Moon (1973) 7.00 Just My Luck (2006) Romantic comedy, starring Lindsay Lohan and Chris Pine. 9.00 PS I Love You (2007) 11.35 Lady Vengeance (2005)

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 The Politics Show. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Life of Riley. (R) 3.25 Life of Riley. (R) 3.55 Escape of the Country. 4.40 Points of View. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Inside the Human Body. Michael Mosley presents a compilation of highlights from the series exploring the inner workings of the human body, including how faces are formed and the complex functions of eyes.

7.00 **Countryfile**. Julia Bradbury discovers why Northumberland's Kielder Water and Forest Park has become a haven for wildlife, and Matt Baker learns about the Domesday Reloaded project. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce looks back at memorable finds from the past series. 9.00 **Case Histories**. New series. Part one of two. Jason Isaacs stars. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Regional Programme. 11.10 Andrew Marr's **Megacities**. How heavily populated cities feed, protect and move their citizens. (R)

12.10 The Sky at Night. Weatherwatch. 12.35 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) 1.35 Hollyoaks. (R) 2.35 A History of Ancient Britain. (R) 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.30 Live MotoGP. The Catalunya Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.00 Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final.

6.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. The ingenious design secrets of NASA's space shuttle.

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7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson spares no expense when he tests the BMW X6, Richard Hammond tries out a £340,000 Lexus, and James May drives the Vauxhall Insignia VXR.

8.00 **Murray Walker: Life in the Fast Lane**. A portrait of the motor-racing commentator.

9.00 **Coast**. New series. Nick Crane travels from London to Belgium.

10.00 **FILM: The Damned United**. (2009) Fact-based drama, starring Michael Sheen.

11.35 Brian Clough: The Greatest Manager England Never Had? The story of the charismatic and controversial football manager. (R)

12.35 The Shadow Line. (R) 1.30 French Open Tennis. 2.35 BBC News. 3.35 The Super League Show. 4.20 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 11.30 This Morning. Sunday: The Catalonia Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.00 Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final.

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6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 **The Royal**. Nurse

Susie's head is turned by a rich playboy, with devastating

consequences for Mrs

Middleitch, and

Ormerod is called out to

help a grieving widow

stuck on her yacht.

8.00 **Popstar to Operastar**.

New series. Eight pop

singers learn to perform

classical songs.

9.00 **Scott & Bailey**.

Horrific events unfold

following a killer's arrest.

10.00 **Popstar to Operastar: The Results**.

The two least popular

contestants perform

again.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 **FILM: The Constant Gardener**. (2005)

Political thriller, with

Ralph Fiennes.

12.45 Jamie's Dream School. (R) 1.45 Jackpots and Jinxes: Lottery Stories. (R) 2.40 Film: Silver Streak. (1976) Comedy thriller, with Gene Wilder. 4.40 Civilization: Is the West History? (R) 5.35 Countdown. (R)

Channel 4

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8.00 **The Hotel**. Manager

Wayne claims he

cannot bear to work

with assistant Marta

any longer, forcing

owner Jonathan to

intervene. The sows

receive a new male

companion. Last in the

series.

9.00 **Food in Minutes**.

(2008) Premiere. After a

brush with the law, two

irresponsible men are

forced to look after

troubled kids. Comedy,

starring Paul Rudd.

11.00 **FILM: Zoolander**. (2001)

Comedy, starring Ben

Stiller.

12.45 Jamie's Dream School. (R)

1.45 Jackpots and Jinxes: Lottery

Stories. (R) 2.40 Film: Silver

Streak. (1976) Comedy thriller,

with Gene Wilder. 4.40

Civilization: Is the West History?

(R) 5.35 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Finn and the Flowerpot. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 Elmo's World. (R) 7.05 Chino. (R) 7.10 Mo Mac. (R) 7.20 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Hana's Helpline. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 Milkshake Monkey. (R) 8.15 The Adventures of Brody. Top Dog and His Best Friend. (R) 8.30 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 10.15 McFly on the Wall. (R) 10.45 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 11.45 D-Day: The Ultimate Conflict. (R) 1.50 Film: Mission to Mars. (2000) Sci-fi adventure, starring Gary Sinise. 4.05 News Weekend. 4.05 Film: Kelly's Heroes. (1970) Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.

7.00 **Cricket**. England v Sri Lanka.

7.55 **FILM: Shanghai Noon**.

(2000) A 19th-century

imperial guard to the

Emperor of China is

flung into the Wild West

on a mission to rescue a

kidnapped princess.

Comedy Western,

starring Jackie Chan

and Owen Wilson.

10.00 **FILM: Rambo**. (2008)

Premiere. Action sequel,

starring Sylvester

Stallone.

11.50 **FILM: UCB 128: Main Event**.

12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 Rough

Guide to Short Breaks. (R) 4.10

Great Artists. (R) 4.35 Nick's

Quest. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline.

(R) 5.10 The Milkshake Show.

(R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R)

5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

3.40 Film: Robots (2005) 5.30 Britain's Got Talent. Final 7.30 Britain's Got Talent Final Result.

8.00 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) 9.45 Jessie J: The Hot Desk. 10.00 Film: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994) A banker

wrongly jailed for his wife's murder forms an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate and conceives a unique escape plan. Drama, with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Including FYI Daily.

ITV3

3.10 Goodnight Mister Tom 5.15 Film: March of the Penguins (2005) 6.55 Mr Bean 8.00 Film: Parenthood (1989) 10.30 A Touch of Frost

ITV4

11.30 Live British Touring Car Championship. Coverage of the fourth round of the season at Oulton Park. 6.00 Murray Walker's TT Memories 7.00 The Professionals 8.00 The Sweeney 9.00 TT 2011 10.00 Film: Soldier (1998)

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who 7.55 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel 7.55 Film: 101 Dalmatians (1996)

9.30 ideal 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Ideal

BBC FOUR

7.00 Britains Park Story 8.00 Edgar Allan Poe: Love, Death and Women 9.00 A History of Horror with Mark Gatiss 10.00 Film: Gods and Monsters (1998) 11.40 Annie Nightingale: Bird on the Wireless

E4

3.00 Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance 4.05 Film: Volcano (1997) 6.00 Friends 7.00 90210 7.55 Friends 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

3.00 Carry on Cabby (1963) 4.50 X-Men: First Class Special 5.00 Destination Moon (1950) 6.50 One Fine Day (1996) 9.00 Mr & Mrs Smith (2005) 11.15 Pathfinder (2007)

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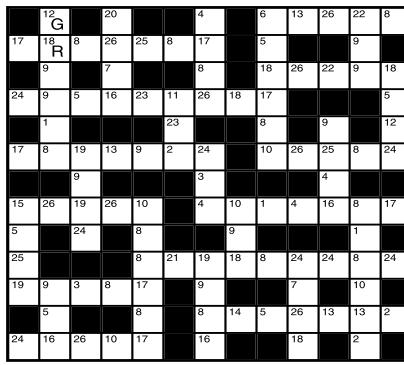


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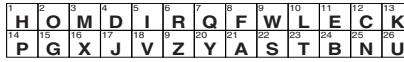
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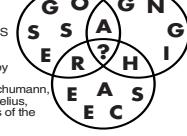
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter represented by the question mark was Schumann, Bruckner, Sibelius, all composers of the romantic era.

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- They store honey, rash though it may be (5)
- Include in a show of affection (7)
- Present-day conclusion? (7)
- Having been given material backing? (5)
- Get out of position (4)
- Soft red or blue? (8)
- I could make this scheme plain (4)
- They may look right to superiors (4)
- Country-lovers (8)
- Thanks are given first for a letter from Greece (4)
- Like a layer of wood (5)
- A first principle in current exchanges (7)
- One in exchanges of streams of invective (7)
- Alert for change in the future (5)

Down

- It doesn't openly flourish, naturally (3-5)
- Sells, but closes after five (5)
- For this pudding, turn up the gas-ring (4)
- All there when I enter in some agitation (6)
- Right in the centre of the target - that's sweet (5-3)
- Possibly unite as kinswomen (7)
- The last thing a tragedy might do (3,2)
- Given due allowance, but not aired perhaps (8)
- Vessel - lacking stabilisers? (7)
- Controls some cattle (6)
- Build and transform Crete (5)
- Fit source of water for consumption (4)

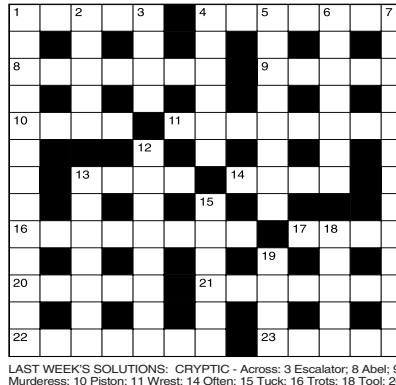
Quick Clues:

Across

- Drone (5)
- Tender (7)
- To disorder (7)
- Undress (5)
- Liberate (4)
- Correct (8)
- Level (4)
- In this place (4)
- Throaty (8)
- Money (4)
- Strain (5)
- Blow up (7)
- Ingredient (7)
- Compact (5)

Down

- Unremitting in effort (13)
- Big (5)
- Circle (4)
- Penetrate (6)
- Darkened (8)
- Pardoned (7)
- Further supply (13)
- Stupefy (8)
- Utter (7)
- Obvious (6)
- Throughout (5)
- Locality (4)

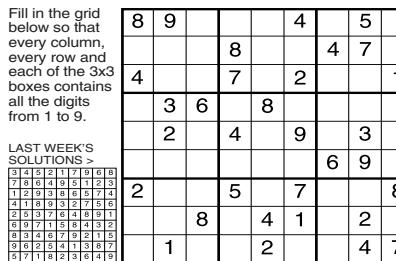


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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



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Lady Gaga : Born This Way.

The New York pop phenomena will fix herself in the firmament of stardom with this relentless, dance beat-driven album which is full to the brim with future hits.

Singer and songwriter, performance artist, outré fashion icon and self-created ga-dress, the success of the Monster Ball album has only encouraged her to become more outrageous and she is fully aware that she is baiting what used to be called the 'moral majority'.

She uses religious references (Jesus and Judas get plenty of namechecks) alongside the lipstick, high heels and whisky breath lyrics.

She shouldn't worry, angry preachers can't burn downloads on a bonfire like they once did Beatles records.

It's all part of her outsider image, her rallying cry to the misfits. She must have studied Bowie and Madonna.

Gaga has basically hijacked Madonna's act and, on the anthemic title track, her sound too in a song that surely shares it's DNA with Madonna's Express Yourself.

Caused

But she also stays true to her clubland roots with almost every track having a hammering dance tune packing piercing synths and robotic rhythms.

Judas and the album's title track have already caused a stir but there are several other potential monster hits here, such as Road To Love, the Latino stomper Americano and Bad Kids.

Gaga does often lack subtlety, shows a worrying new tendency toward 'rawk' guitar licks and cheesy sax, and can write a clunky lyric ('twit' being perhaps the last word you would expect to find in a Gaga song).

Resistance is futile to her catchy hybrid of dance and pop because these songs will win you over or send you ga-ga.

But the biggest surprise is saved for last. On You And I she has created a classic rock ballad in the Lynyrd Skynyrd mode, with Brian May style guitar. It will be this album's biggest monster.



Lady Gaga: self-created ga-dess

Fleet Foxes**Helplessness Blues.**

The Seattle folk rock band's second album has the group's distinctive timeless sound with songs driven by close harmonies but feels less of a band record.

The core of these songs were written by Robin Pecknold for a solo project and have that personal feel, almost like a song cycle exploring notions of self worth and finding your place in the world.

But it does coax a fine vocal performance from Pecknold, investing these songs with real passion, especially on the raw, introspective title track and the almost mystical The Shrine. Other highlights include Montezuma, Bedouin Dress and Sim Sala Bim, which perfectly distill the shiversome beauty of Fleet Foxes,

as if the Beach Boys had been reborn as a backwoods folk band.

Fleet Foxes have a gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on June 23.

Seasick Steve - You Can't Teach An Old Dog New Tricks.

The bearded bluesman celebrates his 70th year with its most commercial album yet, and it is also one of his best. The sound is fuller, with a peerless rhythm section featuring his regular drummer Dan Magnusson plus former Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones.

The pulse of the album are boogie blues numbers propelled by his three-string 'trance' guitar or cigar box guitar. But Steve also shows a more poignant side on Treasures (which features fiddle) and Long Long Way, Johnny Cash-like country/folk songs which bookend the album.

The Pierces - You & I

Gorgeous easy-on-the-ear soft rock from a pair of sisters from Birmingham, Alabama, who sound like they should be Californian.

If there was another 'summer of love' this album's Glorious should be its anthem: I doubt we will hear a song more joyful and celebratory this year.

This fourth album, surely their breakthrough, also features the Fleetwood Mac-ish tracks You'll Be Mine and It Will Not Be Forgotten. Other influences include Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, The Eagles and Carole King.

Old fashioned, yes but that doesn't stop this being a lovely album.

The Pierces top the bill at The Library at HMV Institute, Birmingham, on June 12.

Caro Emerald - Deleted Scenes From The Cutting Room Floor.

A sensation on the continent, this Dutch jazz singer spent half a year on top of her home nation's chart and she deserves success over here with this thoroughly enjoyable pop-jazz album including current Radio 2 favourite A Night Like This. Check it out if you like Fairground Attraction, Eliza Doolittle or Paloma Faith.

Andrea Corr - Lifelines.

A solo outing for one of the sisters from the massively successful Irish



The Pierces - joyful and celebratory



It's pleasant but rather like upmarket karaoke

The Pains Of Being Pure At Heart - Belong

The New York pop-punk band create a likeable wall of sound featuring noisy buzzsaw guitars and hushed vocals which should find favour with anyone who has fond memories of such 80s bands as The Primitives, My Bloody Valentine and Jesus And Mary Chain.

The Pains are in concert at Birmingham's HMV Institute on June 14.

The latest band from Manchester remind me of The Coral though, perhaps because it was recorded in a former church on a Scottish island, their album has a serene, pastoral flavour.

Sometimes in their folk-rock sound there are hints of The Beta Band, The Boo Radleys and The Waterboys too. Travelling Band are in concert at The Yardbird, Paradise Place, Birmingham, on June 8.

Leon Burakowski

Andrea Corr - Glee Club, Birmingham

THE Glee Club managed to pull off something of a coup by being the venue where Irish songstress Andrea Corr decided to launch her first ever solo tour.

This is even more impressive when you consider as part of the Corrs, Andrea - who is also an acclaimed actress in her own right - has played to packed stadiums, been a multi-award winner and sold millions of albums worldwide.

However, all that aside, waif-like and looking a little awkward at first she soon realised she was in front of a friendly sea of fans who packed the nightclub.

Andrea seems to want to confine the Celtic folk music which made her a household name to the background and branch out into more unfamiliar territory with the launch of her album Lifelines.

Although with Runaway and she did pay homage to her former incarnation.

Throughout the show the talented artist displayed her versatility as a singer, pianist and tin whistle player.

Whether it was gently singing the old anthem, which is a strange choice for an album track, I'll Be Seeing You or prancing around the stage to the rock sound of State of Independence, you can see Andrea is a natural musician.

She went through the tracks of her album of covers which included a softer version of Blue Bayou than the one which got Linda Ronstadt into the charts.

Kirsty McColl's They Don't Know About Us went down well as did the hauntingly sung Some Things Last a Long Time.

Her skill on the piano was flawless as she looked vulnerable singing solo for Pale Blue Eyes.

As you would expect she finished with Tinseltown in The Rain after what, by other concert standards was quite short being on stage for about and hour and quarter, although there is no doubt the crowd went away happy.

This tour will be a good way for Andrea to re-establish herself as big name in the pop world but the real test will come when she puts together an album of her own work, something to look forward to.

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Tess Fallon of Kidderminster wearing a colourful outfit



Maria-Elena Ridgway and a Scooter Car



Graham and Jean Harper, of Swynnerton, on the forecourt with a 1966 Wolseley Hornet

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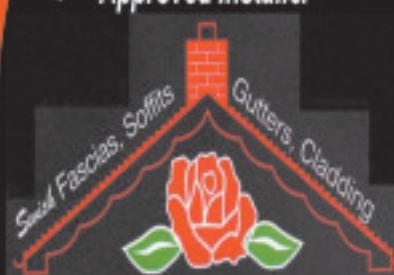
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It's back to the 60s with festival fun

VISITORS took a trip back to the swinging 1960s at the Severn Valley Railway.

Flower power flourished as staff at Kidderminster dressed to entertain. The three-day festival celebrated the decade and there was a host of displays and attractions.

Stylish 1960s vehicles lined up outside the Kidderminster station, Comberton Hill, at the main entrance.

Polished

Cars, including a 1966 Wolseley Hornet brought by couple Graham and Jean Harper of Swynnerton, were polished and primed and on display the weekend before last.

Entertainment staff member Maria-Elena Ridgway, aged 19, helped out during the themed weekend.

Retired engineer Tony Hunt and his wife Sarah, both 69, of Alychurch, said they enjoyed the day.

"It's really good and really nostalgic because I used to have a Morris Minor like the one on display here in the sixties," Mr Hunt said.

There were fashion shows and a market at the Bewdley station.

The heritage railway, which has a 16-mile line between Kidderminster



Singer songwriter Daniel Butcher of Bewdley entertained visitors to the festival

and Bridgnorth, also hosted concerts featuring tribute bands to The Beatles, The Kinks and The Who.

The attraction is also holding 1940s themed weekends over the summer on June 25 and 26 and July 2 and 3.

Cast members from the hit TV comedy series 'Allo 'Allo will be there throughout both weekends signing photographs for visitors.

Carnival talent contest

A BRITAIN'S Got Talent-style contest is being held to find an act to entertain revellers at Stourport Carnival.

The Elizabeth Mills Centre in Stourport is hosting the competition and registration will be held there on Saturday, June 4 (10am-4pm).

The event is aimed at becoming a community showcase of talents from singing and dancing to comedy and other entertainment.

Entrants aged 13 to 20 will be first to face the judges on July 1, between 6-10pm.

Under-12s can audition on July 2 from 1-5pm and over-21s will follow from 6-10pm.

The semi-final will be on July 8, 6-10pm and the final will take place on July 9 from 2-6pm.

Details: Call the EMC on 01299 823240.

Four jailed for series of van thefts

FOUR MEN have been jailed for their part in a conspiracy to steal tens of thousands of pounds of cigarettes and tobacco from delivery vans across the West Midlands.

The thefts, which involved £53,000 worth of goods, happened in Bewdley, Walsall and Wednesfield. Four Birmingham members of the gang responsible were each sentenced to two years and six months by Hereford Crown Court on Friday, May 20.

Alexander O'Reilly, aged 34, of Maple Grove; John Donnelly, 38, of Ripley Grove; Andrew Taylor, 27, of The Fledgings and David Malloy, 35, of Elford Grove had all earlier pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal.

Delivered

Cigarettes were stolen from vehicles as they were being delivered to firms, and the four men were jailed for 13 specific offences.

The crimes included £15,000 of cigarettes which were taken from Dillon Newsagents Ltd, in Load Street, Bewdley, on February 18, 2009.

Some £1,269 of cigarettes were stolen at Blakemore's Cash and Carry in Bloxwich Lane, Walsall, on February 14, 2009, and an unknown amount from the same location 10 days later. A raid also took place in Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.

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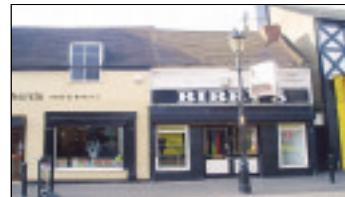


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Very well placed upon sought after Standhills Road, this MOST DECEPTIVE, INTERMEDIATE FAMILY TOWNHOUSE offers a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen with built-in oven, utility room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom with separate shower cubicle. The property is set back beyond the GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY and enjoying a rear garden with much potential. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £109,950

KINGSWINFORD



47 Fairlawn Drive

Extremely well placed within much sought after 'The Paddock', the MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a predominantly level setting, just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford and, with the convenience of local amenities. Briefly comprising: an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very large lounge, large dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and shower room. Set back beyond the front lawns with a long gravelled path leading to an ENCLOSED PARKED DRIVEWAY, leading to a GATED ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

WORDSLEY



'Tremella', George Street

This TRADITIONAL BAY FRONDED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a sought after and established location, offering a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge with separate dining room, breakfast kitchen with built-in oven, utility room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom with separate shower cubicle. The property is set back beyond the DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a GOOD SIZED & ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers over £100,000 invited - NO UPWARD CHAIN

COSELEY



The Paddock

A most impressive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, modern style, gas centrally heated & vast majority upvc double glazed link detached family home situated in a highly sought after location. Superb accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Set back beyond the front lawns with a long gravelled path leading to an ENCLOSED PARKED DRIVEWAY, leading to a GATED ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,950

WOODSETTON



Vicarage Road West

TREMENDOUSLY MODERNISED, enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached of character that has been transformed in recent months. Superb accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with walk-in bay, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units, various integrated appliances (and oven), utility room, three double bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite, shower room, style, re-decorated rear garden with contemporary look white suite & a shower, two double doors, level/secured rear garden. Price to include garage, no upward chain. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,000

DUDLEY



Corser Street

This surprisingly spacious, double glazed (majority units being upvc) end townhouse available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Situated in an established residential location, the property briefly comprises: entrance porch, through lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, two double bedrooms, splendid reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage to rear, front & rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £92,950

SEDGLEY



Churchill Gardens

Envably situated just off Cotwall End Road backing on to school grounds, and with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS, a conscientiously maintained, improved & gas centrally heated detached family residence in a well established location. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, cloakroom, through lounge, 18'4" long, modern kitchen/breakfast room, dining room with patio doors through to a brick paved conservatory, four bedrooms (principal bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom with white suite, lengthly garden to the rear, front & rear gardens, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £279,950

SEDGLEY



Tanglewood Grove, Northway

A comparatively SPACIOUS, conscientiously maintained & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and upvc double glazed detached family residence in a well established location. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, cloakroom, ground floor sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'contemporary look' units & various integrated appliances, dining room, through lounge, 18'4" long, modern kitchen/breakfast room, dining room with patio doors through to a brick paved conservatory, four bedrooms (principal bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom with white suite, lengthly garden to the rear, front & rear gardens, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

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41 Hawkeswell Drive

A DECEPTIVE AND DISTINCTIVE MID MWS which forms part of this highly sought after development upon the fringe of Chatterfields offering: ENCLOSED, PRESENTABLE & BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED ACCOMMODATION, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING including: reception hall, ground floor guest cloakroom/w.c., impressive large lounge, full width refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and well proportioned bathroom. FOR TWO VEHICLES and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED GATED REAR ENTRANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £129,950

KINGSWINFORD



7 Elmhurst Drive

A WELL APPOINTED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME which is pleasantly situated upon sought after High Acorns and offering a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT which is READY TO MOVE INTO straight away. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay window, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the rear, there is a REAR GARDEN with paved patio and steps down to the REAR DRIVEWAY, leading to a GARAGE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £119,950

LOWER GORNAL



The Alley

A particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed detached with potential in favoured 'backwater' with panoramic DISTANT VIEWS from the rear & within walking distance of country park, mainline station, Colmore Row. Built in 1978, the accommodation includes traditional 19ft reception hall, separate toilet, large principal bedroom with an extensive range of built-in wardrobes, 18'4" long, modern kitchen & a walk-in pantry. The property currently comprises central landing, double & single bedrooms but agents believe there is tremendous further potential given traditional roof construction and to accommodate a garage. Off road parking to the front, parking, delightful landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000

LOWER GORNAL



NEW PRICE

Ruiton Street

An PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS & exceptionally well presented, double glazed semi detached set in quiet cul de sac with PATIO & PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation provides: reception hall, 18'4" long, modern kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the rear, there is a REAR GARDEN with paved patio and steps down to the REAR DRIVEWAY, leading to a GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

SEDGLEY



Oakleigh Drive

Envably situated just off Cotwall End Road backing on to school grounds, and with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS, a conscientiously maintained, improved & gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed detached family residence in a well established location. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, cloakroom, ground floor sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'contemporary look' units & various integrated appliances, dining room, through lounge, 18'4" long, modern kitchen/breakfast room, dining room with patio doors through to a brick paved conservatory, four bedrooms (principal bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom with white suite, lengthly garden to the rear, front & rear gardens, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000

DUDLEY



Aintree Way, Milking Bank

A meticulously maintained, significantly enhanced, freehold, upvc double glazed & gas centrally heated McLean built detached envably situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and comprising: traditional reception hall, elegant 17'11" lounge with bay & living flame gas fire, dining room, 18'4" long, modern kitchen/breakfast room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'contemporary look' units & various integrated appliances, bathroom with white suite, lengthy garden to the rear, front & rear gardens, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



NEW PRICE

An absolutely outstanding, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously renovated & improved by present vendors in recent months envably situated in a highly sought after location. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay window, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the rear, there is a REAR GARDEN with paved patio and steps down to the REAR DRIVEWAY, leading to a GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

An exceptionally spacious, ingeniously designed, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached in popular district. Having good distant views & within walking distance of Colmore Row, 943 sq ft of living room (previously separate rooms) with superb multi-fuel stove & doors through to a larger upvc double glazed conservatory (10' x 12'). Double doors from the kitchen open onto a large under stairs store. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite (whirlpool bath), garage, double parking, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £172,500

SEDGLEY



A spacious, ENCLOSED, semi-detached of character envably situated in a 'tree lined' road within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, open plan & modern kitchen/breakfast room. Accommodation comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, large living room with log burning stove, dining room with doors through to a garden room/conservatory, refitted kitchen with a range of units & various integrated appliances, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, block paved parking to front, level secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

SEDGLEY



Turl's Hill Road

An attractive, ENCLOSED traditional semi-detached of character envably situated in a 'tree lined' road within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation includes: enlarged porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, fitted cloakroom, dining room with patio doors through to a garden room/conservatory, refitted kitchen with a range of units & various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, block paved parking to front, level secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

COSELEY



Nichols Close

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi family home envably situated at head of favoured cul de sac within walking distance of so many amenities: bus & rail transport routes. Accommodation provides: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay window, dining room with patio doors through to a garden room/kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, block paved parking to front, level secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,000

SEDGLEY



Western Avenue

"Transformed" by present owners in recent years. Recent gas central heating system. Upvc double glazing. Tremendous views. This property provides entrance porch, reception hall, superb through living/dining room (with bay & patio doors), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, spacious utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, block paved parking to front, level secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £167,950

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The Walk

This most impressive, deceptively spacious, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid townhouse has undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation & improvement and buyers must come to view to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, spacious refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, beautiful refitted bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

COSELEY



Anvil Crescent

NO UPWARD CHAIN/REMARKABLE VALUE/LOW MAINTENANCE. Enjoying an open aspect to the front, this beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached home is well worthy of internal inspection. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,000

SEDGLEY



Clairemont Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional terrace of character that has been tremendously enhanced/upgraded to present very well and moves to provide a superb starter home. Situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring (and all associated amenities), the accommodation includes; sitting room with bay, inner lobby, living room, under stairs store, single refitted kitchen (gas & washing machine to remain), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Two double bedrooms (with central separate w.c.). Secluded rear garden.

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Offers in the region of £109,950

UPPER GORNAL



Kinfare Rise

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An EXTENDED mostly uPVC double glazed semi-detached within walking distance of so many amenities. Tremendously improved, "traditional style" accommodation provides entrance hallway, 16'5" through living room, enlarged dining room with understairs store & substantial kitchen beyond, useful through vestibule. Two double bedrooms (one with a fine range of fitted units), bathroom. Garden, off road parking for two vehicles (kerb dropped). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

DUDLEY



Langstone Road

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of modernisation by the current vendors in recent years, it is gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed, two bedroomed semi detached residence occupies a wider plot with much further potential and provides well planned gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed accommodation. Ideal for the young family or first time buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Gas Conservatory, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with shower, good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers Around £99,950

DUDLEY



Corser Street

This surprisingly spacious, double glazed majority units being end of terrace situated with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Situated in an established residential location, the property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, kitchen, transverse lounge with CONSERVATORY addition, two double bedrooms, splendid reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage to rear, front & rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £92,950

BRIERLEY HILL



NEW PRICE

Exchange Street

Ideally suited to the first time buyer/young family is this modern two bedroomed semi detached property which comprises; hall, modern kitchen, lounge, conservatory, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, parking to the front, economy seven storage heating, and uPVC double glazing. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £90,950

LOWER GORNAL



Wood Road

COMPETITIVE PRICE A gas centrally heated, uPVC single glazed "starter home" in popular, convenient neighbourhood comprising entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, walk-in store, outer lobby, further store, guest cloak. Two double bedrooms, bathroom, potential off road parking (kerb not dropped), rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

COSELEY



Southall Crescent

A traditional, majority uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated end townhouse situated in an established location convenient for local amenities with particular appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

PENSNETT



NEW PRICE

Rookery Park

Ideally suited to the first time buyer or young family is this traditional style three bedroomed semi detached property which is gas centrally heated and comprises: porch, hall, lounge, three first floor bedrooms, modern shower/wet room, gardens to the front and rear, verandah, driveway, garage, cavity wall insulation. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £79,950

PENSNETT



NEW PRICE

Chapel Court

Appealing to the first time buyer or single person is this modern first floor, one bedroomed apartment ideally suited for all local facilities, and comprising: hall, lounge, modern bathroom and kitchen, bedroom with fitted storage, economy 7 heating, double glazed (with some units being uPVC), parking, and being well presented throughout. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £69,950

COSELEY



Sangwin Road

A comparatively spacious first floor flat in need of some improvement/upgrading yet would represent an excellent investment opportunity for CASH BUYERS ONLY. The property briefly comprises living room, dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, shower room & a rear garden. Presented for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £49,950

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BRIERLEY HILL AMBLCOTE ROAD

This superb, considerably extended Traditional 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides outstanding Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning First Time Buyer or Young Family. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Feature Fireplace, Superb Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Stylish Breakfast Kitchen with built in oven & hob, integrated washing machine, spacious rear garden, Splendid Bedrooms, Sumptuous Large Refitted Bathroom with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway for 2 cars

Offers around £219,950



QUARRY BANK CALLCOTT DRIVE

This attractively presented neatly improved Modern 2 Bedrommed Detached Bungalow provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Feature Fire, Superb Kitchen/Diner, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway for 2 cars

Offers around £149,950



PENSNETT CHAPEL STREET

This delightfully presented much improved 3 bed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Feature Fire, Superb Kitchen/Diner, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway for 2 cars

Offers around £124,950



QUARRY BANK KING STREET

Pleasantly situated with a wide side garden, rear gardens in this ever popular address, this attractively presented 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence occupies a wider plot with much further potential and provides well planned Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob and separate Conservatory addition, 2 Bedrooms, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £114,950



BRIERLEY HILL FARM ROAD

An attractively presented, recently improved 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence providing well planned Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £109,950



BRIERLEY HILL WALDRON AVENUE

This very nicely presented much improved 3 bed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £104,950



WOLLASTON MAMBLE ROAD

Providing deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family, this Modern 3 Bedrommed Detached residence is pleasantly situated in this ever popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Large Fitted Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob and separate Conservatory addition, 2 Bedrooms, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £169,950



WORDLEY HAMILTON DRIVE

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular address, this well presented Modern 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £139,950



PENSNETT SCHOOL STREET

This attractively presented, neatly improved 2 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular and convenient address for Russells Russells. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £99,950



QUARRY BANK BATH ROAD

This attractively and stylishly presented 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or First Time buyer and enjoys a pleasant position overlooking The Green in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive Lounge and archway to Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, Double Glazed Conservatory addition, 2 Bedrooms, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £99,950



BRIERLEY HILL BRYCE ROAD

Most pleasantly situated in this ever popular address, this 2 bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Offers around £89,950



BRIERLEY HILL ADELAIDE STREET

Providing deceptively spacious recently redecorated gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family, this neatly presented 3 Bedrommed Intermediate Terrace is conveniently situated in this popular and convenient residential area. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Offers around £87,500



BRIERLEY HILL ROOKERY AVENUE

Pleasingly situated in this popular and convenient address, this 2 bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Large Refitted Bathroon with shower, separate WC, useful stores and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £79,950



PENSNETT PRIMROSE PARK

UNBELIEVABLE PRICE Enjoying a large plot in this popular residential development, the over 45's & Gas Central Heating and Upvc Double Glazing+ Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, attractive Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 good Sized Bedrooms, Bathroon, Garage (Timber), and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with parking area. Kitchen, Bathroon, Garage and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with parking area. Kitchen, Bathroon, Garage and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with parking area.

Offers around £75,000



DUDLEY VICARAGE PROSPECT

Attractively presented, much improved 2 Bedrommed Intermediate Terrace, Gas Central Heating and Upvc Double Glazing+ Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, attractive Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 good Sized Bedrooms, Bathroon, Garage (Timber), and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with parking area. Kitchen, Bathroon, Garage and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with parking area. Kitchen, Bathroon, Garage and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with parking area.

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Ground Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom with Built in Wardrobe, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing £450 pcm

WOODSETTON
FLAVELL STREET

Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Off Road Parking £550 pcm

DUDLEY
FAIRFIELD ROAD

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Available End May £500 pcm

BROCKMOOR
HIGH STREET

Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Rear Garden £495 pcm

HALESOWEN
BLAGDON ROAD

Ground Floor Flat, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Single Garage Available Immediately £525 pcm

DUDLEY
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BRIERLEY HILL, AMBLECOTE ROAD

- Impressive and extremely spacious detached family residence
- Four good size bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Separate dining room
- Superb fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Refitted ground floor cloakroom/WC
- Attractive refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Garage and driveway

£795 pcm NO DSS



BRIERLEY HILL, SANDRINGHAM WAY

- Impressive and extremely spacious detached family residence
- Four good size bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Separate dining room
- Superb fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Refitted ground floor cloakroom/WC
- Attractive refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Garage and driveway

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PENSNETT, ROOKERY PARK

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- Three bedrooms, fitted kitchen with cooker
- Attractive lounge, first floor wc
- Ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating and large rear garden

£485 pcm



TIVIDALE QUAYS, WYNN GRIFFITH DRIVE

- Superb modern house
- One double bedroom, Splendid lounge
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Driveway

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BRIERLEY HILL, BAGUS WALK

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- Bathroom
- Allocated parking

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Foxlands Drive

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A traditional semi detached property, comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen/diner, stairs, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain. Viewing highly recommended.

Netherton

£99,950

Dudley

£69,950



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Russells Hall

£45,950



New Instruction

Russells Hall Road

Connells are pleased to offer this one bedroom ground floor apartment comprises of entrance hall, open plan lounge and kitchen, fitted bathroom, one bedroom, study, allocated parking, communal gardens, double glazing and electric heating.

Dudley

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New Instruction

Fairfield Road

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having three bedrooms, garden to the rear, off road parking. Viewing highly recommended.

Tipton

£128,000



New Instruction

Jevons Drive

An well presented two & a half storey property, accommodation briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, through lounge, kitchen, stairs, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, second floor having master bedroom with en-suite, garden to rear, garage, allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended.

Tipton

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Tipton

£99,950

Coseley

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Hawthorn Road

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Netherton

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Marita Close

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Woodsetton

£119,950

Dudley

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Griffiths Road

An extended traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises hallway, dining room, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing recommended. 5% Vendor Gifted Deposit.

Old Park Road

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NETHERTON

£124,000



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Denbigh Close

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Grosvenor Road

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Dudley

£239,950

Dudley

£89,950



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A modern detached property, comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.

Bean Road

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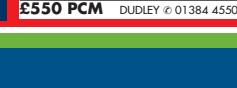
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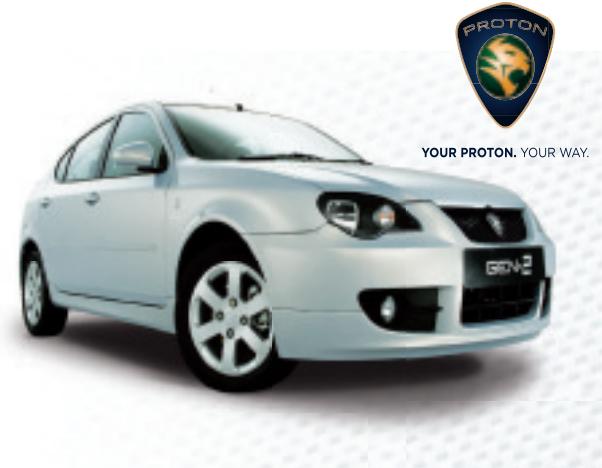
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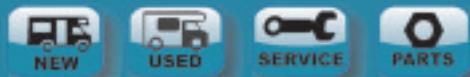
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Hitting the road with training from Ducati

BIKE maker Ducati is setting up a training scheme for riders.

The Ducati Rider Training project will be based at 13 locations across the UK, each consisting of a partnership between dealers and training schools.

Each training school has been chosen for its ability to provide the high standards expected from a Ducati-supported scheme. All training facilities will be linked to a franchised Ducati dealership to enable dealers to offer a full service from training to purchase.

Initially the training will take place at the authorised training facilities on 125cc motorcycles before moving onto the training school's bigger bikes then relocating to the Ducati dealership where the training company will teach the rider on the Ducati Monster 696.

All training will be tailored to an individual's ability and previous experience and the price of each

course will reflect these factors.

Riders over 21 may take their full licence on a bike of 46.6bhp or above (the Ducati Monster 696 is ideal for this). Once they have reached the required standard, all-licence training will be conducted on the 696 and will cover all aspects of riding in town and country.

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To sign up for Ducati rider training, potential riders can call the participating Ducati dealer or the training centre quoting "Ducati Rider Training".

The Ducati Rider Training

scheme gives aspiring motorcyclists a more accessible route not only to rider training but also to the Ducati brand and the chance to learn to ride one of the most iconic bikes of modern times.

Debbie Wiggins, marketing manager for Ducati UK said: "Ducati UK is committed to introducing new people to not only motorcycling but also the Ducati brand."

"For many people their ambition is to learn to ride and ride a Ducati. This scheme encompasses both these aspects and makes the dream come true with a simple call to one of the 13 dealer/training facility locations."

"We hope to expand the number of locations next year once the scheme has been established."

Details of Ducati Rider Training and contact details of participating training facilities and dealerships visit www.ducatiuk.com

Suzuki launches supermini with big green credentials



Compact in size and low in emissions, the Swift has a new 1.3-litre engine

SUZUKI has added a low emission 1.3-litre model to the Swift range.

Available in 148 Suzuki dealerships from June 1, the Swift DDIS uses a new 75PS 1.3-litre engine, has emissions of 109g/km with combined fuel consumption of 67.3mpg, and an estimated driving range of more than 500 miles.

Swift DDIS is available for £12,890 as a five-door model with seven airbags, air conditioning, 16-inch alloy wheels, USB port and heated electric door mirrors.

The Euro 5 emissions turbocharged engine is smoother and more responsive with maximum torque of 190Nm from 1,750rpm and

a 0-62mph time of 12.7 seconds.

With the Swift, driving a compact car does not mean settling for less; Suzuki has condensed performance, impact safety, handling and other essentials for enjoyment while easing the environmental burden.

Manual

Launched last September, the Swift range with Dual VVT 1.2-litre petrol engine starts from £10,210 for the SZ2 three-door up to £13,525 for the SZ4 five-door with automatic transmission.

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Swedes launch select softroader



Competitive pricing will challenge more mainstream SUV rivals

X marks spot for drivers, both on and off the road



Wide rear pillars give a floating roof effect to the car

SPARE a moment's thought for Saab. It's a car company that enjoys almost universal respect. When was the last time you heard someone have a go at a Saab product or a Saab driver?

It's a combination of Swedish origins and a reluctance to follow the crowd, and products that don't slavishly follow the fickle finger of fashion hold a certain appeal.

Not that Saab is a company that will ignore its customers. The recently updated 9-5 received some detailed tweaks in response to customer feedback, and now there's a whole new car that arguably meets a need – Saab has decided to go soft-roading with the 9-4X, writes Matt Joy.

The 'X' suffix indicates four-wheel drive and off-road capability, and however modest it is, most owners will rarely trouble more than a raised kerb.

That makes it more of a crossover, a tag that Saab is happy for the 9-4X to wear and in doing so it takes on a host of premium rivals.

Unlike some of those rivals the 9-4X successfully transplants the family DNA on to the SUV template. It shares many of its styling cues with the 9-5 saloon, including the ice-block headlights, three-piece grille and full width rear reflector.

It also has the "floating roof" design, created by having a wide rear pillar and blacked-out front pillars.

For a class of car that is often regarded as a little unsubtle or ostentatious, the 9-4X manages to look suitably tough without inviting invective from other road users.

A modest climb into the cabin reveals a layout that again follows a sound mix of practicality and style.

Function

Anyone familiar with the inside of a 9-5 will be at home here, as the 9-4X carries over much of the dashboard's design and function.

That's no 'bad' thing however, as Saabs have always had a firm eye on the need for good ergonomics and a few miles behind the wheel confirms that everything is as it should be.

Space is certainly not in short supply either. Those up front enjoy the traditional high-riding SUV seating position, but even in the back the view out is very good. Heads and legs will be able to stretch out, and because the 9-4X is a five-seater only, luggage space is not a problem.

The boot is one of many places that show the clever and practical design, as it uses a clever under-floor storage compartment to stow the metal boot divider – another smart feature.

There are stacks of cubby holes, double door-bins, a huge glovebox and a cup holder with two levels to suit different sizes of cup – this is clearly a cabin that benefits from plenty of forethought.

In terms of its mechanical make-up, the 9-4X shows its focus on the American market.

Saab's XWD system is fitted as standard, putting drive to all four wheels, while under the bonnet there is the 2.8-litre twin turbocharged V6 already seen in the 9-5 mated to a six-speed automatic gearbox.

With just the one engine option at present, diesel fans will have to look elsewhere although there are a number

Facts at a glance

- Saab 9-4X Aero Turbo6
- Engine: 2.8-litre petrol producing 296bhp and 295lb/ft of torque
- Transmission: Six-speed automatic driving all four wheels
- Performance: Top speed 142mph, 0-62mph in 8.3 seconds
- Economy: 23mpg combined (est)
- Emissions: 280g/km CO₂ (est)

of diesel powerplants in other Saabs that would do just fine.

In the meantime however, the V6 turbo gives the kind of performance expected of a 300bhp powerplant.

With the Drive Sense system set in Eco mode, the 9-4X maximises economy by reducing the sharpness of the throttle response and makes the gearbox shift into high gears early.

That works fine at lower speeds but on the open road Comfort or Sport modes demonstrate the full performance.

It may not be the absolute fastest of the compact SUVs but it's hard to imagine needing something quicker on the road.

There's a good balance between comfort and handling in terms of the suspension too, again helped by the Drive Sense system which electronically adjusts damper setting to the driver's needs.

Fraction

The 20-inch wheels certainly contribute to a ride that is a fraction firmer than most, but few buyers would fault with comfort levels.

On the flip side the 9-4X is happy to be hustled through a series of bends, giving little indication of its size and weight. The 9-4X has few downsides – inevitably the petrol engine is relatively thirsty compared to diesel rivals, but to a degree this is offset by the very generous standard specification.

Just one model in the range comes complete with satellite navigation, a Bose audio system with 10GB hard drive and DAB radio, electric front seats with heating and cooling, keyless entry and a rear-view camera all as standard.

With prices likely to put it between premium rivals and more mainstream offerings, the Saab 9-4X will meet the needs of many while also appealing to those with a streak of individuality.

The introduction of a powerful diesel option would offer a real threat to the best in the class.



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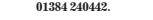
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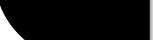
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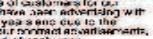
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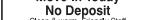
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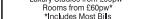
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Wolverhampton Audi's Steve King, left, congratulates winner Dinesh Patel

No China crisis as Patel heads the qualifying list

AMATEUR golfer Dinesh Patel, from Romsley near Halesowen, has qualified for an Audi quattro Cup UK regional final and a shot at a place in China.

Patel won the Jardine Audi Group qualifier staged at the Edgbaston Golf Club on May 27 with a score of 37 points in the Stourbridge rules matches.

Almost 80 amateur golfers contested the 18-hole, Jardine Audi Group sponsored competition at the Edgbaston GC in Church Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The top six finishers now pair up in an Audi Regional Final at the Belfry Golf Club, Wishaw near Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, on July 14.

The full list of qualifiers is:

1 Dinesh Patel from Romsley near Halesowen, 37 points; 2 Phil Spittle from Wolverhampton, 35pts (18 back 9); 3 Peter Saunders from Cannock, 35pts (16 back 9); 4 Paul Slavin from Ombersley near Droitwich, 34pts (19 back 9); 5 Mark Walsh from Kings Norton, Birmingham 34pts (18 back 9); 6 Tony Deane from Lymm, Cheshire, 33pts.

Mission

The one-day competition was supported by the Jardine Audi Group comprising of Wolverhampton Audi (Raby Street, Wolverhampton), Halesowen Audi (Manor Lane, Halesowen), Tamworth Audi (Kinson Drive, Tamworth) and Shrewsbury Audi (Knights Way, Shrewsbury).

It is one of more than 30 Audi quattro Cup events being staged between April-July.

Three regional finals are staged in July with 16 pairs then contesting the Audi quattro Cup UK Final at Bowood Golf and Country Club near Calne, Wiltshire on September 14 and 15.

Ultimately two pairs will represent Great Britain in the Audi quattro Cup World Final staged at The Mission Hills Resort in China from November 7-11.

The Audi quattro Cup, being staged for the 21st year, is the world's largest amateur golf competition with almost 80,000 players from more than 50 countries expected to compete for a place in the world final.

Sun shines on record breakers in the league

DESPITE early cloud the afternoon produced bright sunshine and bright batting as records tumbled in the Worcester Cricket League.

Although they made 253-8 at Pershore, Division One leaders Stourbridge were unable to continue their hugely impressive start as the improving home side beat them by five wickets with an over to spare.

Now in second are Astwood Bank, whom former Gloucestershire wicketkeeper Steve Adshead hit 200 not out from just 118 balls, an innings which included 22 fours and 11 sixes.

It smashed the record for the highest ever individual score in the division, as Astwood piled on a league season-high 344-6 against Worcester, but the visitors still held out for a draw, writes Chris Marsh.

Bromyard are just two behind after a remarkable losing draw at Pedmore, for whom Stuart Bate and Paul Pickering notched centuries in a total of 321-3.

In reply, Bromyard, incredibly, fell just two runs short on 319-5 including two centurions of their own, Dimush Fernando and Oliver Bailey.

Worcester Nomads rattled up 300-plus for the second week running but this time were unable to convert the runs to victory points as Droitwich held out at 258-7 thanks to Ian Cotterill's 102 not out.

The other matches saw Oldswinford thrash Romsey after Lee Nightingale scored 134, while Bewdley narrowly avoided defeat at home to Redditch.

Closed

In Division Two Colwall's turn at the top was short-lived after they failed to complete a win over Belbroughton following Nick Pannier's 156 not out.

Monmouth take over thanks to a win over Malvern, while in third place come Hagley who recorded their third win in five games by defeating Wormelow.

Division Three sees Rushwick open up a 25-point lead over Alvechurch after they beat Stourport and Alvechurch accounted for Lye.

Harborne and Chadlesley stay third and fourth despite recording home draws against Enville (who racked up 342-6) and Birlingham respectively.

The other two games both finished with one-wicket victories, for OV's at home to Cookley and Himbleton over Harvington who stayed bottom.

In Division Four leaders Tenbury could only tie with Martley and Aveye closed the gap on them to nine points following their comprehensive win over bottom side Caeron Frome.

Stourbridge Social beat Hinley to stay third and Barnards Green remained fourth with a win at Avoncroft, who slipped to second from bottom.

Ambblecote thrashed Bringtons by 10 wickets and stand in fifth place.

Division Five now has Old Hill out in front after they trounced Stourbridge, while Bromsgrove are second after they slipped to third-placed Halesowen.

However, it was two of the high-flying teams that really caught the eye, a Chris Rudger-inspired Rob Peel FC thumping Ambblecote Cosmos 6-0.

Peel remain a place behind Greenmachine, who sit second after Jay Lochart helped his side beat Thorns United 6-1.

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Striker Guinan signs at Harriers

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers have kick-started their summer business by making a triple signing led by well-travelled striker Steve Guinan.

Birmingham-born Guinan has signed a one-year deal after leaving Blue Square Premier rivals Forest Green Rovers and will be joined by midfielders Scott Phelan and Jack Cresswell.

Guinan, 35, has played more than 400 games in an 18-year career, scoring in excess of 100 goals. Harriers are his 16th club.

Phelan, 23, has also signed a season's contract after joining from Evo-Stik Premier League champs Halifax.

The former Everton reserve team captain counts Bradford as a former club and has represented England Youth.

Cresswell, who joins on non-contract terms, caught the eye of Harriers manager Steve Burr at recent exit trials and will get his chance to earn a deal.

The 18-year-old was a youth team player at Walsall and has also spent time at Manchester United. The trio join defender Luke Jones and striker Marc Williams, both Aggborough old-boys, as the five new faces in the squad.

• Willenhall Town's top scorer Mitch Fellows has signed for Blue Square North Solihull Moors.

Fellows helped the Lockmen stay in the Midland Football Alliance with 31 goals.

Willenhall boss Antony Isherwood said: "We are going to be losing a player of Mitch's ability, but are delighted he has been recognised by a team at a much higher level."

Outer this world in 4-0 win

MID-TABLE Outer Milan made it seven points from seven games

the Brierley Hill Monday six-a-side side football league after Tom Cox was among the goals in a 4-0 victory over Real Dovele.

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Juggernaut off the rails with Stour finally beaten

Stourbridge (5pts) 253-8, Pershore (20pts) 256-4.
Pershore won by six wickets

STOURBRIDGE firsts' winning juggernaut was stopped in its tracks by fifth-placed Pershore.

Pershore remain at the top of the Worcester Cricket League ahead of Bromyard.

Put in to bat by Pershore skipper Ciaran Sanders, Stour lost openers Alex Bingham and Steve Game to Tom Pilling and Luke Dalley respectively with just 25 on the board.

Making the most of good conditions for pace bowling Pershore put Stour under further pressure by taking the wicket of Richard Bradley in the 13th over with the score on 38, writes Harilal Patel.

Josh Banks was the only Stour to look in command but he fell lbw to Lee Wilkes for 40 in the 14th over with the score on 84.

Banks had put on 49 with Andy Alexander to stabilise Stour's crumbling innings. Further consolidation came between James Musk and Alexander who took the initiative back from the bowlers and moved the Stour score on to 165.

Maiden

Pershore, however, came again with Pilling bowling James Musk for 43 in the 36th over.

Pershore 172, Stourbridge 173-2. Stourbridge won by eight wickets

Winning the toss Old Hill made hay by bowling out Stour for just 62 in the final over.

Chris Norgrave's stubborn 23 took Stour past the 50 mark as Omar Lewis grabbed 4-15.

White was eventually bowled by Mikes Patel for 59 and Alexander had Lee Wilkes lbw for 43.

But hopes of a fifth successive victory were shattered by both innings from skipper Ciaran Sanders (48 not out) and Ross Matthews (55) who saw Pershore home in the final over.

Pershore (5pts) 62, Old Hill (20pts) 66-2. Old Hill won by eight wickets

Stourbridge seconds took a comfortable victory thanks to a fine bowling performance from James Wood and another big knock from the prolific Ryan Willets.

Batting first Pershore made a sound start but once the gates were

Police tag along with players



Take a knee – the Bromley and Pensnett tag rugby side

POLICE officers from the Brockmoor and Pensnett neighbourhood team have coached pupils from a local school to qualify for a tag rugby regional match.

The neighbourhood officers have undergone an intense training course in tag rugby.

The programme has been running since 2002 thanks to Child Victims of Crime charity, a national police children's charity which was originally set up in 1993 in response to the aftermath

of the Warrington bombing.

Pupils in years Five and Six from Bromley and Pensnett primary school played a school in Stourbridge to qualify for a chance to play in the regional finals at Tally Ho! West Midlands Police training centre.

Sergeant Cliff Tomkinson, who has co-ordinated the sessions, said: "I think it is really important to work closely with local schools and to get young people in the area used to seeing their local officers.

"It will also give them the opportunity to ask us questions and for us to pass on advice.

"Tag rugby is a good social activity that young people can get involved with and the children that have formed a team at Bromley Pensnett have worked really hard in their training."

Sergeant Tomkinson will be joining the tag rugby team on Tuesday, June 7 at the police training ground to support them in the regional contest.

Zak the Ripper goes looking for a tear-up on pro debut

DUDLEY'S "Zak the Ripper" has told Chuck Jones to expect a tear-up on his professional debut.

The Ripper, real name Saquib Amir, will box pro for the first time on Saturday night against well-schooled Welshman Jones, who drew with Paul Frost in Derby at the weekend.

Dudley's Jason Welborn has also vowed to make the bill in Walsall, despite breaking two bones in his right hand sparring, and take his place for a light-middleweight contest against Dean Anderson at Birmingham's Holiday Inn last December.

Sharp

He said: "Chuck is a sharp boxer, fit and clever, but he doesn't punch as hard as me. I am not being big-headed, but for nine stone I have got a bang on me, and power can control a fight."

But he faces a tough test against Jones having watched his opponent's professional debut, a narrow points loss to Dudley's Dean Anderson at Birmingham's Holiday Inn last December.

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He said: "Chuck is a sharp boxer, fit and clever, but he doesn't punch as hard as me. I am not being big-headed, but for nine stone I have got a bang on me, and power can control a fight."

"I will go in there and have a tear-up. I don't like to chase people, so if he wants to come

forward and fight that is better for me.

"I can do all right as a pro and I won't have a problem against him; I will send him back to Wales him."

Welborn is charged with ensuring Amir a smooth transition into the pro ranks but will encourage aggression, having been a come-forward fighter during his own boxing career.

The 40-year-old from Coseley challenged for the British title at middleweight and contested some memorable brawls in the West Midlands, most notably against Wolverhampton hard-man Nigel Rafferty in 1990 and Errol McDonald in 1999, before hanging up his gloves in 2004.

For tickets, call promoter Paul PJ Rowson on 07976 283157.

Frantic day of competition in swim pool

A FRANTIC day of the sport. It's also an ideal place to start for those swimmers who have never contested an open meet.

Now in its tenth year the event was oversubscribed and feedback from the visiting clubs indicated a big success.

Squeeze

At the lunch-time session Bilston were the highest placed visiting club but as the event drew to a close, Worcester

had just managed to squeeze past.

Matt Rochell

from Worcester Swimming Club, was presented with a cheque by Becki Cole, Stourbridge's ladies club captain.

The idea for the gala is to give the average club

swimmer the opportunity for success and maintain enthusiasm for

sport



Tagging along with the rugby - P55



Golfer sets sights on China - P55

Ton for Jaffer in Himley victory

BIRMINGHAM League Premier leaders Himley romped to victory on Saturday against Smethwick.

The home team included recent Pakistan Test players Mohamed Akram and Zahid Mahmood.

But they could not prevent Himley from taking victory by 150 runs.

India's Wasim Jaffer, another with recent Test experience, made 137 in Himley's 270-2.

Ben Smith contributed 59 and Chris Tranter 58.

Danny Smith (5-31) and Shafiq Ahmed (4-17) then ran through the home team, dismissing them for 120 as Ahmed took a hat-trick.

All-rounder Dougie Brown made an unbeaten 32 and claimed 4-20 as Barnet Green won by five wickets at Wellington.

The home team were dismissed for 114 and although Barnet Green had a wobble at 41-3, Richard Wilkinson (33) and Brown got them over the line.

Walsall's new overseas player Christiaan Jonker made a stunning 156 in only his second match.

He added 181 for the fourth wicket with Alex McChristie (65) as Walsall went from 5-2 to close on 291-6.

Rain hit Knowle and Dorridge's reply and they finished on 168-7, Jonker taking 4-51.

Kidderminster Victoria made 250 with 93 from James Ralph but West Bromwich Dartmouth beat the rain to win by three wickets with eight balls to spare, Jeet Raval hitting 114.

Rain has the final word

BIRMINGHAM League cricket was all but washed out on Bank Holiday Monday.

Halesowen's game at leaders Whitchurch was the only Division Two match to get under way.

Whitchurch's batting point took them one point clear of Harborne who were rained off.

In a 25-over match Whitchurch made 148-4 off 19 overs, before further rain caused an abandonment.

Richard Oliver hit 55, Maz Hasnain 39 and Aqas Ali was unbeaten on 33 when play was stopped.

Phil Croft (2-31) was best with the ball.

SKIPPER PLAYS A VITAL KNOCK

**Walmer (3pts) 101, Old Hill (20pts) 102-8.
Old Hill won by two wickets**

A CAPTAIN'S innings by Nathan Round gave Old Hill a precious two-wicket victory in a wildly fluctuating game at The Memorial Ground.

Zafran Ali's 4-23 had appeared decisive as Walmer were dismissed for just 101 in 38.3 overs.

Even that moderate total had looked beyond them at 38-7. But Old Hill also struggled with the bat, falling to 49-6 before Round steadied the ship.

Having won the toss, Old Hill chose to field and the wickets tumbled due to some hostile bowling before Findley (30) and Painter (20 not out) managed to push the total up to 101, *writes Derek Griffiths*.

Old Hill CC

points which took them to the top of the league.

**Stourbridge (3pts) 119, Old Hill (20pts) 122-8.
Old Hill won by two wickets**

Jonty Preece made 29 as the fourths edged home by two wickets at Wassell Grove.

Old Hill put the visitors in and removed them for 119 in 39.1 overs with Joel Foster (5-23) and Irshad Ahmed (2-15) leading the way.

In reply, the hosts batted cautiously and reached 122-8 wickets in 37 overs and take their first league victory of the season.

This result meant victories for all four Old Hill teams on Saturday and a clean sweep.

Old Hill 185-8, Smethwick 187-8. Smethwick won by two wickets

Old Hill went out of the Staffs Cup at the second round stage on Sunday in a tight finish.

They travelled the short distance to Broomhill and posted 185-8 off their 45 overs with Dan Cox (64) and Alex Hills (34) top scoring for the visitors.

The hosts' reply got off to a steady start before the introduction of Alex Hills put the brakes on.

He took a wicket with each of his first two balls and ended with four to add to his 34 runs with the bat.

However, it was not quite enough as the home side reached their target in the final over to win a close game by two wickets against an under-strength side.

Saturday: Firsts: at Shifnal (home), 1st seeds 120-3; home vs Wrockwardine 123-0 (1pm); thirds vs Ross-on-Wye (1.30pm); fourths at Ross-on-Wye (1.30pm).

Sunday: Firsts: at Shrewsbury, ECR, Nantwich (12.30pm); Sunday XI at Lye (2pm).

Legal eagles land with six-a-side



Six-a-side players at the charity tournament run by legal firm Higgs & Sons

LEGAL FIRM Higgs & Sons brought together 200 players from the world of law to play in its annual charity tournament.

The firm, with offices in Brierley Hill and Kingswinford, staged 67 games of six-a-side football involving 24 teams of professionals and clients during the big day at Bromsgrove Sporting FC.

In total £2,600 was raised for the charity Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer. The tournament was eventually won by accountancy firm Baldwins, which beat Alto-Digital on penalties in a closely fought final.

Senior partner Ian Shovlin said the event was the most successful that the firm had ever run.

"We would like to thank everyone that took part and who helped us raise money for such a great charity," he said.

To help the teams recover, Higgs laid on a hog roast and served ice-cream from a van which played the theme tune from Match of the Day!

Max for Newman in Heathens' win

NEW Dudley signing Kyle Newman went through the card last Friday as the Heathens won 48-42 to inflict Hackney's first home defeat of the season.

Fears that the tiny, slick Arena Essex circuit would be the undoing of a team not renowned for its gating ability proved unfounded.

Ashley Morris and Tom Perry, with recent experience of the track at the British under-21 final, scored nine and paid six respectively to provide vital back-up to Newman and skipper Jon Armstrong.

Richard Franklin was also paid for six from the number two role and that meant not one of the top five ran a last all night.

There were never more than two points between the sides until the final race. Dudley led by two with four to go, but conceded a heat 12 5-1 to flying reserve Shane Hazelden and David Mason.

But Armstrong stepped up with Newman to smack in a 5-1 of their own and regain the lead.

Morris and Darryl Ritchens earned Dudley a share of heat 14 and Armstrong and Newman signed off in the grand manner.

Dudley were hosting Hackney in the return on Tuesday.

Hackney: Shane Hazelden 14+1, David Morris 13-2, Marc Owen 6-1, Barrie Evans 6, Ben Hopwood 2, Brandon Freemantle 1-1.

Dudley: Kyle Newman 13-2, Jon Armstrong 12+, Ashley Morris 9, Darryl Ritchens 5-1, Richard Franklin 5+1, Tom Perry 4-2, Danny Stoneman 0.



Celebrations for, back from left, Veronica Kumeta and Chris Bohemia of Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer and, front from left, Vicki Bennett and Clare Smith of Higgs & Sons

Club on lookout for next talents

STOURBRIDGE FC are spreading the net wider in the search for young football talent.

The club's youth team has swept all before them in the past two seasons and the last campaign saw the Glassboys establish junior sides for the first time in their history.

Having used last season to establish the junior sides, Stourbridge are now looking at a serious assault on the Midland Junior Premier League for 2011-12.

With teams already entered in age groups from under-12 to under-18, the club intends to lift silverware during the next 12 months.

Andy Bullingham, general manager and acting youth development manager, said: "This year has been a bedding in process and we have all learned a lot about what is required."

"We will have 10 sides representing us next year and seven of those teams will be competing in the Midland Junior Premier League.

Capable

"We are very keen to provide a natural progression through the age groups to ultimately provide the right quality of player capable of playing youth team football for us and subsequently moving on to play for our first team".

The club will be holding trials for the various age groups. Anyone interested should contact the relevant manager.

Under-12: Keith McKenna, 07771 925914. Trials at Old Halesoniens, June 11 (10am-noon).

Under-13: Steve Hooper, 07973 274491.

Under-14: Dave Rich, 07961 225840. Trials at Old Halesoniens, June 4 and 11 (10am-noon).

Under-15: Mick Cox, 07870 202543.

Under-16: Paul Hickman, 07966 624556. Trials at Old Halesoniens, June 18 and 19 (10am-noon).

Under-18: Joe Jessop, 07787 411948. Trials at Old Halesoniens, June 27 and July 4 (7-8.30pm).

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